Mint of the United States
Philadelphia, Aug 11th, 1845

Sir,

I am respectfully to request that you will ~~be pleased to~~ issue your warrant, in my favour, for eight thousand dollars, ($8000) out of the appropriation made in the act of the 3d of March last, of $200,000, for the Branch Mint at New Orleans, — being for the purpose of making payments on the machinery for that Branch, ordered and in progress at this place.

I am, very respectfully,
Your faithful Servant,
R.M. Patterson,
Director

To
Hon. Levi Woodbury,
Secty of Treasury.

New York 12 June
1835

Dear Sir

We rec'd your favor of 11th inst. this day with certificates of amt. of Specie sent to the Mint by our Office at N. Orleans & beg to thank you for your attention to this for us -

We hand amount of Duke in Sterling Bills for £ 22 amt. of your favor 4th inst. & Letter -

Wish you know the goodness to inform us the value of a Carat of American Gold under the new law, also the rule by which the weight of Gold or Silver of the present Standard is converted into Sterling money

Yours truly
Rob't. Mc Clay

To Saml. Moore Esq. U.S. Mint, Phila.

Treasury Department
June 5. 1835.

Sir,

In reply to your communication, dated the 2nd instant I have to remark, that no copy of the proposals or contract for the erection of the buildings for the Mint at N. Orleans has been received from Mr. Gordon. When furnished to the Department a copy will be transmitted to you: there is little doubt, however, but that the part of the building to receive the Machinery necessary for the coinage of Gold will be prepared for that purpose by the time the Machinery can be furnished.

I remain very Respy
Your Obed. Servt.
Levi Woodbury
Sec. of the Treasury.

D. L. Moore
Philada

Treasury Department
May 25. 1835.

Sir

I will thank you to use your best exertions to have the Machinery to be employed in the coinage of gold at the Branch of the Mint in N. Orleans to be completed by the 1st. of March next, or sooner if practicable - and that to be used in the coinage of silver as soon thereafter as it can be done.

I remain very Respy
Your Obed. Serv.
Levi Woodbury
Sec. of the Treasury

R. E. Mease
Director of the Mint
Philada.

Treasury Department
March 10th 1838

Sir

Your communication dated the 1st instant has been received and you are authorized to close the contract for the machinery for the Mint to be erected in N. Orleans, on the terms stated in that communication.

The superintendance of the construction of the machinery, as intended by you and the payments on account of it will be made at Philadelphia on the ratio mentioned in my letter to you dated the 5th instant.

I remain very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
Levi Woodbury
Secy of the Treasy

Dr. Mint
Director of the Mint
Philada

Mint of the United States

Philada April 16 1835

Sir

The undersigned [illegible] the Machinists [illegible] responsible for the execution of Coining Machinery [illegible] subject to any [illegible] of the 4th. has prevented [illegible] any interview with him [illegible] attended any formal expression of them in regard to the Department agreeably to your instructions of the 10th. [illegible] consequently further delay in completing & having with- at the third instance [illegible] will attend in regard to this matter from other sources, I have now the honor to submit the question of the acceptance of the Proposals before mentioned, [illegible]

[illegible] your letter of the 6th instant [illegible] of the Machinery is [illegible] upon a [illegible] expired from [illegible]

Be respectfully [illegible] inquiring [illegible] I am informed that the Proposals offered for the four divisions of Machinery [illegible] in my letter of the 6th to the Mint in actual operation at N Orleans $43,400 will not be refused in any proposition [illegible] Government in [illegible] a course of this Moment. I do not

think, principally, that the posts &c. would be reduced to $4,000.
It is to be apprehended that any alteration were it made
assumed in, might bear an injurious effect on the spirit
artists would enter on & pursue the execution of their
contracts. My opinion is that no alteration should be
in respect to further to law
has already been done.

It is hoped to show that the entire charge of putting
the machinery in action at N. Orleans is estimated by the proposers
at $5000 - and this sum they would not grant the
former proposal if the Machinery were allowed to be left
here without the expence to be incurred
at that point in

2. First comparison of the expence to be
in obtaining Machinery from England, with the
amt of the contracts offered here, can not be made without an
actual correspondence with artists there. Some
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an opinion may however be formed on a comparison
with Mr Rhinelander a few years since that Machinery of
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in general use, adapting to that proposed for N. Orleans would cost rather
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is contemplated to be given here.

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In my letter of the 6th inst in addition to the estimate of [illegible] contained at $43000 a sum was stated to be just necessary if additional apparatus implements fixtures &c will be required which would extend the expenditure to about 50000 exclusive of the Edifice [illegible] the Founders - These miscellaneous items will not require instant attention [illegible] It is probable they can all be [illegible] within the limit of $5000 making the [illegible] Mint at N Orleans not to exceed $50000 may be relied on as the utmost expenditure beyond the cost of the building.

I have the honor respectfully

Your obed't Ser't

Wm Wilkins
Secretary

Hon Levi Woodbury
Secy of the Treasury

Mint
N Orleans
Rec'd 16 1838
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Mint of the United States
Philada April 10. 1835

Dear Sir

I transmit herewith a copy of the Pennsylvania of this date containing the notice to proposals to carry into the Branch Mint [illegible] a number of cradle iron spouts and [illegible] a copy of the Boston Courier of the 8th inst. containing a notice of the Boston Branch Mint [illegible] a copy of the N. York Courier of the 8th inst. containing a notice of the N. York Branch Mint [illegible] a copy of the New Orleans Bee with an advertisement [illegible] a copy of the Charleston Courier of the 8th inst. containing a notice of the Charleston Branch Mint [illegible] a copy of the Georgian of the 8th inst. containing a notice of the Dahlonega Branch Mint [illegible] a copy of the Globe

Either tomorrow or on Monday I am
just to have a further interview with the Artists
who have been invited on to Washington in order to deter-
mine whether they will or will not accept the orders
proposed them in regard to
their proposals relating to the sculpture on the
the Base & Pediment of the Washington Capitol. The first matter I
shall refer the subject to you for the final
decision of the Department

I am very respectfully
Your obed. Ser.

Hon. Levi Woodbury
Secretary of the Treasury

Wm. D. Moore

Wm D Moore
To
Hon Levi Woodbury
Sec. of the Treasury
Dec 10. 1837
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Treasury Department
April 5. 1838.

Sir

In reply to your communications dated the 2d inst and received this morning I have to say, that if the Machinery for the Mint at N. Orleans being procured at Philadelphia provided it can be as well executed, and upon as reasonable terms and as early a period as if obtained from Europe.

As to the security for the execution of the contracts the parties may be required to give bonds with satisfactory sureties to complete the buildings by such a time as you think the Machinery can be furnished and delivered at N. Orleans and the payments may be made for materials furnished and work done on the rate of 75 pr ct of their estimated value the balance to be paid when the contracts shall be completed. In addition to the papers heretofore mentioned the advertisement might be furnished on the Pennsylvania at Philadelphia.

I am very Respectfully

Levi Woodbury
Sec. of the Treas.

Wm. J. Moore
Philada

Office of the Navigation Bureau

Philadelphia April 4. 1835

Sir

Your letter of the 31st ult. was rec'd on my return from the country on Thursday morning, and Mr Gibson being gone from the office the package for Mr Hall was not delivered. The pamphlet package for Mr Felton returned by mail to the Department came to hand last evening. I shall with the least delay have advertisements prepared and published as requested, and will make the necessary communication to Mr Parkinson when I will address a few lines this morning offering him employment of the procedure in laying them. I find it necessary however to consult your opinion on two or three points, on which I hope to be furnished with your views by Tuesday next, when I think the proposals will be ready in all their respects.

What proportional addition may be supplied on account of Materials delivered and work performed in shelving that portion of the Edifice

What amount of time may be allowed and what proportion of payments in completing the Edifice.

In my communications with the Artists applied to for estimates in regard to the Machinery, double estimates were required to be given of the probable cost of the pieces named, I suppose that advances should be made on account proportionably, always retaining one fifth of the amount.

[illegible] regard to time it was found necessary to calculate on
8 to 10 months for fixing the Machinery, & 12 months on
a part to which must be added about two months for
transportation and fixing of the Machinery [illegible]
as will appear from the estimate for Machinery forwarded
[illegible] by the General Mail.

I would therefore observe that 12 months
from this time would be sufficiently early to have the
Edifice finished. It is [illegible] to be desired that
the Machinery can be completed [illegible] time. After the middle
of May [illegible] at Mobile, proposals are to be
received, not less than two months probably will elapse
communicating the acceptance of the proposal [illegible] whether,
and in nothing on the part of the Contractor his arrangements
for obtaining the requisite Materials. This will bring
us to the season when Northern Contractors & Workmen
[illegible] will be reluctant to employ themselves
[illegible] vigorously set to work at N. Orleans
[illegible] in collecting Materials, and laying foundation
[illegible] Progress can
be calculated on before the close of October [illegible]
the [illegible] portion of the building be undertaken by
Contractors [illegible] will understand [illegible]
[illegible] which the Mr Gordon seemed to me not to
[illegible] anticipate :- Possibly six months after such
preparations [illegible] may suffice for finishing the
building, while will bring its completion [illegible] into April
1876. If accomplished within that period the Machinery could
be put up in all May. - On the whole it seems
unreasonable if it would be any useful time saving to
require in the proposals, that the Edifice should be
finished before the first of April 1876.

In reference to time in regard to terms,
would be required for the proposals [illegible]
to be graduated high, which with [illegible] why certainly
would result from the building being finished much
earlier than the time when the Machinery is ready to be
introduced, and keeping [illegible] being taken that the apartments
to receive the Machinery first which can be used are to
be contracted ready, may be first finished.

In offering these suggestions I have to regret the
want of that local knowledge which [illegible] Mr
Gordon possesses. [illegible]
I doubt not however that the Superintendent is in
possession of this information & could in reply to
[illegible] which are material to the points [illegible]
in question immediately inform [illegible]

In anticipating the period to elapse before
the N. Orleans Board can be in operation, I am sure
that the Public would be satisfied with a very slight
reason as completion of the object, & that the Department
might [illegible] very much desire to comply with their
wishes in this respect. I am not however prepared, on
full consideration of the Map, that the work to be
suspended, [illegible] to the Contractor
together with the instructions which direct the end

Customs interfere, [redacted] that its accomplishments in the best manner, is attainable at an earlier period.

I am very respectfully
Your obed't Ser.

Hon.d Levi Woodbury
Secretary of the Treasury

G. W. Mumford

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd inst. enclosing a copy of the letter from the Secretary of State, and in reply thereto I would state that I have [redacted] to be published [redacted] in the Bulletin [redacted] related to tonnage for the department. The [redacted] Register at N. Orleans only was required.

To
Hon. L. Woodbury
Secy of Treasury
Washington D.C.

Branch
March 4, 1837

Dr. The United States, in acct with Wm Findlay, Treasurer of the Mint, his account of the ordinary receipts and expenditures for the quarter ending the 30th of June 1835

1835			Dollars	cts	m
June	30	To Amount paid from the 1st of April to this date inclusive for the incidental and contingent expenses of the Mint as per Statement and warrants marked	No. 1.	7,810	39
"	"	" Amount paid for Wages of Labourers employed in the Mint; as per Statement & Warrant	No. 2.	5,261	90
"	"	" Amount paid for the Salaries of the Officers and Clerks of the Mint, for the quarter ending this day as per Statement & Warrant	No. 3	2,550	00
"	"	" Amount paid for Acid per Planchette purchased for Coinage, as Statement and Warrant	No. 4	2,744	00

1835			Dollars	cts	m
March	31	By Balance remaining in the Girard Bank of the City of Phila as per account rendered to this date			
"		" Amount of Draft of the Treasurer of the U. States No for the incidental & Contingent expenses & repairs of the Mint, Wages of Labourers &c.			
"		" Amount of Draft of the Treasurer of the U States No for the Salaries of the Officers and Clerks of the Mint for the quarter ending			

Mint of the United States No 4
Treasurers Office March 31st 1835

1838					
Sept	29	By Balance			
1839 June	29	By Balance per statement rendered	$	13,412	98

Treasury Department
March 6th 1820

Sir

Your communication, dated the 25th ultimo
and the plans of the proposed Mint at N. Orleans have
been [redacted]
location of the Building on the [redacted] under by you
But if the proposals when received be not satisfactory
some alteration the plans must be adopted in relation
You will be pleased, therefore, to invite proposals for
a Building on the plan furnished. Bonds or not be
and Boston.
ready to advertise in N York papers as well as in
N Orleans and when a proper [redacted] plan, it be left
at the [redacted] and not then
already disposed there.

Richard Anderson [redacted] where
the plans shall be returned to you, if not at Philadelphia,
whether it has been sent to me or not.

I remain &c &c

Master Gordon Esq.
Philadelphia

Hon. Wm. H. Crawford
Secy of the Treasury

I do hereby consent and agree to
work for the United States mint for two
months from the date of this agreement
at such work as I may be ordered to do
by the director or chief coiner — my wages
are to be at the rate of three hundred and
fifty dollars a year and no more — and
if after the expiration of the aforesaid two
months, I should be continued any longer
in the service of the Us. mint I do agree
that my wages shall be the same as
mentioned above and no more
In witness whereof I have hereunto
signed my name this first day of July
A.D. one thousand Eight hundred & thirty three

Witness
John R. Bolton

John Rickards Seal

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Washington — Dec. 28, 1836.

Sir,

I send you herewith my estimate for the Expenses of the Branch Mints for 1837, prepared with great care & consultation with the Officers of the Mint. Some explanations are however proper.

1. New Orleans Branch. The salaries for the whole year are given, though it is not probable that they can all be drawn.

The wages of laborers are calculated at $90 per month, for twenty workmen, from June 1st to Dec. 31st. The other contingent expenses are based upon the supposition that two millions will be coined there in the seven months of labor, taking into consideration also the higher prices of materials at that place.

The appropriation for the building and machinery for the New Orleans Branch was $200000. The contract price for putting up the building, exclusive of the piers and the enclosing of the lot, is $182 000; and the contract price for machinery is $43,630; making together 225,630, being $25,630 above the appropriation. There is no accurate means of estimating the cost of putting up the remaining piers of the building, but I presume it may be set down at one-third of what has already been built or building, which is at $60,667. The railing around the lot, which is large, will not cost less than $10,000, making altogether, with the deficit

above mentioned $96,297; which sum I have accordingly, under the head "for completing the above Edifices, and reducing the total amount to the sum of $96,500.

2. The Gold Branches. The contracts for the Charlotte Branch were lower than those for the Dahlonega Branch, and hence the reason for the difference in the amounts of the estimates now presented. There estimated for fifty laborers (the legal limit) at each Branch, for six months each, rated at $30 per month each. The stamped coinage at each mint is half a million, on which the mintage is [illegible]

New Orleans, 27th December 1836

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th instant. It was received too late to be answered by the return Express Mail.

In compliance with your request to be furnished with a Statement of the present condition of the building, intended as a Branch of the Mint of the United States at this place, the probable time of the completion of the part under contract &c &c; I make the following Statement, which is respectfully submitted.

The Center Building, and one of the Wings are so far advanced, as to be nearly ready for the reception of the Machinery, but little, if any delay will be experienced on its arrival, in putting it up, indeed that part of the building, intended to contain the Engine and Machinery of the Mint cannot be completed till the whole is arranged and put up.

You will perceive, on reference to the Contract (a Certified Copy of which I had at a very early period transmitted to the Secretary of the Treasury, who no doubt has furnished you with a Copy) that the Machinery, and the whole of the building could not be finished for the sum appropriated by Congress, Say $220,000, Consequently one of the Wings was excluded until the further order of Government, with a view to an additional appropriation for its completion. The part now finished, or nearly so, will be sufficient to go on with the Operations of the Mint upon a Confined Scale. I apprehend, however, that but a temporary inconvenience can be experienced by the Officers of the Mint, till the other Wing is finished, which will then make the Edifice Complete, according to the Plan approved by the Secretary of the Treasury. It must however be observed, that the approval was confined, as respects the expenditure, to the appropriation made by Congress.

It will be further observed that the Contract entered into, to Complete the whole building, amount to $382,000. The Cost of the Engine and Machinery was estimated at $50,000: under these Circumstances it was considered to the interest of the Government, to go on, with only a part of the building, get the establishment into operation at an early a day as

possible, and apply to Congress for a further appropriation, in order to make the establishment complete in all its parts.

That part which is now nearly finished, viz. Cash, under the Contract $142,000: $71,000 of that amount have already been paid to the Contractor, and I have, under date of the 15th Instant made a requisition on the Secretary of the Treasury, for the further sum of $71,000 with a view to complete the full payment of the Contract.

When the whole Edifice is completed, it will be conveniently calculated for the Operations of the Mint, and the accomodation of all its officers, with the exception of the Superintendant. In the plan, and by its distribution of the different apartments, it never was intended that the Superintendant should reside in the building - but if suitable accomodations can be conveniently appropriated, I know of no good reason why he should be excluded.

You will also perceive from the Contract, that the Wing of the building, suspended for the present, or till the further order of the Government, will cost $41,000, this sum, together with about an equal amount will be required to complete the Edifice in all its parts, and permit me, Respectfully, to suggest the propriety of making an early application to Congress for an additional appropriation of about $75. to $80,000, with a view, and for the purpose of completing the same.

On the arrival of the Ship John Dearyat from Philadelphia, I will, with great satisfaction attend to the receipt of the different articles, shipped on board of that vessel and intended for the Mint at this place, and see that they be all safely deposited in the building, and in the absence of the Superintendant take especial care of them until his appointment is received, when they will, as a matter of course be delivered to him.

I will write by this mail to the Secretary of the Treasury, and inform him of a Copy of this Communication, and will at the same time request to be discharged from any further agency in this business.

With great respect and Esteem

I have the honor to be, Sir

your Obt Servt

Martin Gordon Sur.

To R. M. Patterson Esqr

Director of the Mint

Philadelphia

Washington — Dec. 27, '36.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 22d, with the accompanying estimates, was rec'd on the 24th. and, with the information which I have obtained at the Treasury Department, will answer my objects, as well a total state of darkness as to the present condition of the New Orleans Branch will permit. Nothing has been heard here, or with us, from Gen. Gordon, for months, though letters of inquiry have been sent from both places. But Gen. Gordon is re-nominated as Superintendent of the N. O. Branch.

The $8000 drawn by me in May, on account of Machinery, was, by mistake, debited to Jas. Gordon's — so that the appropriation clerk can make mistakes.

The Contract for the N. O. Branch Mint building, — exclusive of the mint, and

the ruling Ve. for the enclosure, is $182,000.

Appropriations stand good until the expiration of the second Calendar year after they are made. So that the appropriations made in 1835, may be used until Dec. 31, 1837.

Pleas send to Col. Baton, — as by my directions, — an account of any small gold pieces (about a dollar) known to be coined. Kelly will help you out, as to ancient or old coins; but I think modern more germaine to the matter.

Write word to me, what law fixes the price $ Cl. of copper planchets, any year from 1792, if you can conveniently. Whether I can give all other information asked.

Pleas send the enclosed letters to their destinations.

Tell Adr. Poole Pleas rec'd. his letter of the 24th, and noted its contents carefully.

Very truly Yours,

R. M. Patterson.

Jno. Quincy Adams I hope that our Militia bill will be again brought before the Committee of the Whole, and the House, in which case I will write again to you.

An Estimate of the Expenses of the Branch Mint at New Orleans, for the year 1837.

	Dolls.	Dolls.
For Salaries of Officers and Clerks.		
The Superintendent	2500	
The Treasurer	2000	
The Chief Coiner	2000	
The Assayer	2000	
The Melter and Refiner	2000	
Five Clerks, $ 1200 each	2400	12,900
Compensation to Laborers, in the various departments		13,000
For completing the Mint Edifice		
For furnishing the whole Establishment, including all apparatus, tools and fixtures not included in the contracts	15,500	
For Incidental and Contingent Expenses.		
Wastage of Gold and Silver	8,000	
For iron, steel, lead, castings, chemical agents, Copper for alloy, zinc, oil, tallow, crucibles, melting pots, and repairs	5,000	
For wood & coal for Steam Engine and furnaces	5,000	
Stationary and fuel for the different offices, water rent and taxes	600	18,100
		$ 66,000

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, December 22. 1836

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, Dec. 18, 1856

Dear Sir,

I send you herewith a bill of lading of two hundred and eighty Boxes Bars, & Bundles, shipped to you as Consignee for the Branch Mint at New Orleans. They comprise nearly all the machinery for the Branch except the presses, which will be completed by the time that the other machinery is erected. I pray you to receive this machinery and to dispose of it with great care, in a situation where it will not be injured.

I have entered into a Contract with Mr. James Hope of your City, (now here,) for putting up, in complete working order, all the machinery for the Mint. I expect him to be in New Orleans by the time the first Vessel is ready to unload, in which case he will save you all trouble in the matter.

I am exceedingly anxious to know the State of your building, and wrote to you to make inquiry on the subject

as long ago as the 23d of July, but have not received any reply. I have just returned from a visit to Washington and find them equally unfound at the Treasy Department. Let me pray you to give me a statement, by return of express mail that I may be able to mention interdum it into my annual report.

Yr

P. M. P.

Dear

P.S.— Send the Bills Lading by the Ordinary Mail. — When the articles are recind you may draw on me for the amount of freight & prings, $315, and also for the expense of portage &c. As a superintendent for you Mint is nominated to the Senate, it is probable, however, that this Session will be transacted there, as it does not properly belong to your duties.

W/

Jas. Martin Gordon
Comt. Br. Mint
New Orleans

New York le 13 Sept 1836

Sous m'obligeriez infiniment, en me faisant savoir le plutôt possible s'il y a encor une place ouverte pour graver les matrices pour la monnaie. Si j'y a pas de temps, que je suis en Amerique. Et je vous prie de m'excuser pour cette raison, que ma lettre n'est pas conçue en votre langue. J'ai travaillé beaucoup avec dans cette branche de graveur, seulement, et je suis en état de produire des preuves de mes ouvrages dont le fini ne laisse pas grand chose a desirer. Lors me dit, qu'on me dessin une Monnaie a Washington, le Mexique Orleans et autres Etats, donc je vous prie de me dire par quelques lignes, si vous pouvez faire usage de mes services

J'ai l'honneur
Monsieur
votre très humble serviteur

Ed. Hitschmann
graveur

Nassau Street No. 30

Treasury Department
December 17th 1836

Sir,

The enclosed application of Mr Edward Hubermann for employment as an Engraver in the Mint is respectfully submitted to you.

I am Sir, respectfully
your obt Servant

Levi Woodbury
Secretary of Treasury

Dr.
Director Mint
Phila

Director

in good order and well conditioned, by the ~~ASSNS~~ Agent OF THE ~~TREASURY OF THE~~ UNITED STATES, in and upon the good Ship John Sergeant whereof is Master for this present voyage C. Vale Doyle and now in the river Delaware, and bound for New Orleans

Two hundred eighty eight Bales Bar, and Bundles.

Boilers on Deck at risk of Shippers

Being marked and numbered as in the Margin, and to be delivered in the like good order, and well conditioned, at the aforesaid Port of New Orleans (the danger of the Seas only excepted,) unto Master Gordon Esqr. Supt. Sub Dt. B.M.N.O. or to his Assigns; he or they paying Freight for the said Goods.

No 1 a 27
No 7 A.
B.M.N.O.

No 1 a 261
B.M.N.O.

Wt # 300
Tare 15
315

In Witness whereof, the Master or Purser of said Ship hath affirmed to Three Bills of Lading, all of this Tenor and Date; one of which being accomplished, the others to stand void.

PHILADELPHIA, Decemr 8th 1836.

Shipped accordingly for Brazos
from the Captain
James Sutherland

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Memorandum of Machinery for Corning
Press New Orleans Mint

Box No 1	Fly Wheels for Cutting Presses
" " 2	do — do —
" " 3	9 Shafts & Shifting Levers for do —
" " 4	Pullies for Cutting Press
" " 5	Chains for Drawing Presses
" " 6, 7 & 8	Upright Frames for Cutting Presses
" " 9	Platforms for Cutting Presses
10, 11, 12, 13 & 14	Five Cutting Presses
to 15	Belts for Cutting Press & Couplings for shafts
Box 16, 17, 18, 19	Stands & chain Wheels for Draw Frames
20	Tongs & Saddle for Draw Frames
21 & 22	Draw Frames & Rollers
23 & 24	4 Lathes
25 & 26	Cutting Shears
27	Drawing Boards for Draw Frames

1 27
1 254
2 81
Box No 10

M & A

Mint of the United States
New Orleans

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Articles Shipped on the Ste. Sargeant
for New Orleans, marked C. M. N. O.

No. 1 to 31 Cast Plates
3 Crank Shaft
6 Pendulum for Pumps
7. 8. Frames for Cylinder
9. 10 Braces for Frames
11. 12 Standards
13. Bed Plate
14. Top plate for Columns
15. Plate for Pillar Blocks
for Pendulum
16. 17. 18. 19 – four Pieces
Steam Pipe
20. Steam Pipe
21. Do
22. Do
23. Do
24. Feed Pipe
25 Do
26 Do
27 Do
28 Do
29 Do
30. 31. 32 Furnace Mantle
33. 34. 35. 36. 37. 38. 39. 40
41. 42 Fly Wheel Arms
43. 44. Fly Wheel Rims
45. 46. 47. 48. 49. 50. 51. 52
53. 54. 55. 56. Fly Wheel
Segments
57. 58 Small Shafts
59. 60. two Cast Plates
61. Face Cramp

No. 62. 63. 64. 65. 66. 67. 68. 69. 70
71. 72. 73. 74 Pillar Blocks
75. 76. two Headamants for
Upright Shafts
77. 78 two plates for Attic
79. 80. 81. 82 four Plates
for the Short Columns
83. 84. top Plates for Cargo
Columns
85. 86 Bottom plate for Column
87. Small Shaft
88. 89. 90. 91. four Cap plates
for Columns
92. 93. 94. 95. four Cap pieces
96. 97. 98. 99. 100. 101. 102. 103.
Short Square Columns
104. 105. 106. 107. four pieces
of Combings for Cap
108. 109. 110. 111. 112. 113. 114. 115
Cargo Columns
One plate plate not marked
116 Steam Cylinder
117. 118. 119. 120. 4 Studs
121. 122. 123. 124. 125. 126
6 Cast plates
127. Cake Cought
128. 129. Spur Wheels
130. 131. 132. 133 Plumber Blocks
134. 135. 136. 137. Cast Plates
138. Box Containg Some Cocks
139. 140. 141. 142. 143. 144. 145
146 Cap for Columns

No
147. 148. Hangers
149. 150. 151. 152. 153. Small Iron Shafting
154. Pillow Blocks
155. 156 two Brackets for upright Shaft
157. 158. Shaft Table Bench Wheel &c
159. 159 two Small Shaft for Table
160. 161 two Stiles for upright Shaft
162. 163 two Braces for Sides
164. Cold Water Pump
165. 166. 167. three Columns for the Boiler front
168. 169. two Beams for Table
170. Bottom Plate for Column
171. top Plate for Table
172. 173. 2 Boiler Beams
174. Bed Plate
175. Piston & Rod
176. 177. Crum Heads
178. 179. two Hangers
180. Main Wheel
181. 182. two Shafts for the Rolling Mill
183. 184. two Large Wheel Shafts
185. 186. two Iron Bars Containing two upright Shafts
187. Box of Bolts
188. 189. 190. 191. 192. Bores Containing Brass Pillow Block for Main Crank Shaft
192 One Anvil

No
193. Brass Bevil Wheel x
194. Iron Bevil Wheel x
195. Ditto x
196. Iron Chain Wheel x
197 Ditto x
198. Brass Bevil Wheel x
199 Cylinder Cap & Bolts x
200. 2 Iron Spur Wheels x
201. Cross head & Brasses x
202. 203. two Connecting Shafts x
Which is above the Fly Wheel Shafts
204. Slate Bars
205. 206. Small Columns x
207. 208. 209. Three Steam Boilers
210. A Cast Iron Column x
211. Sides & Bolts x
212. Box Containing Side Rods. Cross Heads Eccentric hook — Four Cut ends one Plunger one Small Valve Rod & 2 Small Arms
213. Rock Shaft
214. Box Containing Screw Bolts of different Kinds
215. 216. Caps for Small Columns
217. Connecting Rod x
218. Ditto x
219. 220. Cast Iron Shafts
221. Cast Iron Bevil Wheel x
222. Ditto x
223. Ditto x
224. 225. 226. 227. Iron Plates

No
228. Box Containing Iron Bolts
229. Box Containing Cranks Pins — Coupling Links Screw Bolts &c
230. 231. Brass Bushes for upright Shafts x
232. Box Containing five Bars
233. 234. Mortice Spur Wheels x
235. Eccentric Straps x
236. Throttle Valve Spindle Valves Check Valve Bolts &c x
237. Box Containing five Bars
238. Box Containing Plunger Covers Bolts Stub ends &c
239. Mortice Cog Wheel
240. Ditto x
241. Steps for upright Shafts x
242. Mortice Cog Wheel
243. Copper Pipes x
244. Brass Columns x
245. Pump Rod Steps &c
246. Box containing Copper Pipes
247. One Bellows
248. Box Containing Cast Bevil Wheel
249. Ditto
250. Do

No
248. Ditto
249. Box Containing tools
250. Box Containing Anvils &c
251 Do
252. Box Containing 8 Brass Caps for Brass Bevil Wheels
253 Box containing iron Bands
254 Keg of Patent Cement
255. 256. 257. 258. 259. 260
261. 7 Cases Wrought Iron

Rush & Muhlenberg Book Box

Treasury Department
Dec.r 8th 1836

Sir

As it is desirable to make the nomination to the Senate early in the Session, you will please recommend as soon as convenient, a suitable person for the situation of Coiner for the New Orleans Branch Mint

I am, very respectfully
Your Obt Servt

Levi Woodbury
Secretary of the Treasury

Dr R.M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

P S The following persons have been recommended as Coiners for the Branch Mints - S.J. Parker for the Georgia Branch - James Webb of Baltimore for either the Georgia or North Carolina Branch and S.S. Barclay for the New Orleans Branch -

I wish to know if you are acquainted with their qualifications, and if not, I wish you to inform me if you know

know of any persons qualified for those situations. a reply
to this communication by return of mail is requested

(Copy for Engr.)

Memorandum of Agreement between James Hope of the city of New Orleans, Machinist and Robert M. Patterson Esq. Director of the Mint of the United States on behalf of the U.S. Dated the day of November A.D. 1836.

The said James Hope on his part hereby covenants with the said Robert M. Patterson & his successors in office to put up or cause to be put up in good working order, under his personal superintendence, in the Edifice of the Branch Mint at New Orleans, all the machinery intended for the same which is now making, or to be made, under the several contracts of Messrs Rush & Muhlenbrink, Merrick & Agnew and M.W. Baldwin, including also the construction of the foundations of masonry and timber for the Engine and machinery, preparatory to the erection of the same. Provided, that the actual cost of such masonry and woodwork shall be defrayed by the United States. And the said James Hope further covenants to finish and complete this contract within ~~four months after the completion of all the machinery, and of the Edifice intended for its reception;~~ 4 Years from 1st May 1837 and delays by accidents excepted. In consideration whereof, the said R.M.P on behalf of the United States covenants to pay the said James Hope & his ~~&c~~ Exr. admrs. or assigns, the sum of Six thousand four hundred dollars upon the final completion of the contract, or before that time in such proportions as that the amount paid shall not exceed 75 ~~%~~ the value of the work progressed up to the date of such payment. The said sum being inclusive of all ~~&c~~ expenses whatsoever to be incurred in the forgoing contract, with the exception made in the above provision.

In Witness whereof the said parties have hereunto interchangeably, set their hands & seals, and to a duplicate of the same the day & year first above written.

In presence of }

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia July 23d 1836

Dear Sir,

Be so good as to inform me what is the present state of progress of the building for your Branch Mint, and particularly when you judge that it will be ready to receive the Machinery.

Messrs Rush & Muhlenburg, who have made the Steam engine and Shafting, and are to put up the rolling machinery, would be glad to commence their work as soon as the unhealthy season is over.

I shall take great interest in any information that you can give me on the subject of the late Committee in New Orleans.

Most truly & respectfully
Yours

R. M. P.

Dr

Wm Martin Gordon

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia, Ap. 11, '36.

Sir,

I have just received your letter of the 8th, inquiring "when the Machinery for the New Orleans Branch Mint will be furnished and ready for transmission"

A Contract has been entered into with Messrs. Rush & Muhlenberg, for excavating and erecting the Steam-engine and Shafting for this Branch. The whole to be packed up and delivered at the Wharf in Philadelphia by the 1st day of Sept. next. To be thence transported by us to New Orleans. There to be erected and put in Complete working order by the Contractors on or before the 1st of Feb. 1837. The whole sum to be paid for this Contract is $21,250.

A contract has been entered into with Messrs. Merrick, Agnew & Tyler, for fitting machinery for cutting planchets, two dozen benches for machines for milling planchets, 4 pairs of printing rolls, two three Coining Presses, and a lathe & slide rest. To be delivered at the Wharf here by the 1st of Sept. next, and to be erected at New Orleans, by the Contractors, within twelve weeks after the completion and

notice given of the preparation of the building for its reception. The consideration for this contract is $15280.

A contract has been entered into with Matthias W. Baldwin, for six sets of Rolling frames, with driving wheels &c, to be delivered here Sept. 1st next, and to be erected at New Orleans by the last named contractors, with their own Machinery. The amount for this contract is $8,100.

These three contracts include all the Machinery necessary for putting the Mint in Operation. The whole amount of the contracts is $43,630, and the time of the Contract time for the erection is not later than Feb. 1, 1837.

Contracts have also been made for the Machinery for the Gold Mints at Charlotte and at Dahlonega, as follows.

Mich. Meyr. Coleman Sellers Stone, for Steam Engine Shafting & gearing, Rolling Machinery, Shears, and Milling Machine, for each Mint, and for putting up the whole Machinery. Cost, for each Mint, ~~$ 80~~ $ 8297. The Machinery to be delivered here Sept 1, 1836, and to be erected within twelve weeks after delivery at the respective Branches, the transportation to be made by us.

A contract has been made with Mess. Merrick, Agnew & Tyler, for making the Rollers, (two for each), draw benches, painting rolls, and planishing rollers for the two Gold Mints. The Cost for each to be $6690, and the Machinery to be delivered here by the 31st of December next. The Machinery is to be put up by the Contractors for the Steam Engines &c; as I presume that these Branches can be set in operation about the same time as that at New Orleans.

Recapitulation.

Branch at New Orleans —	Reed Shelby &c	20,930
	Merrick, Agnew & Tyler	15,280
	M. W. Baldwin	8,100
		$43,630
Branch at Charlotte —	Coleman & Stone &c	8297
	Merrick, Agnew & Tyler	6690
		14,987
Branch at Dahlonega —	the Same —	14,987
	Total for all the Branches	73,604

Treasury Department
April 8th 1836

Sir

Please inform me, if in your power, when the Machinery for the three Chain Bridge Mints will be finished and ready for transmission.

I am Sir your mo: obt Servt

Levi Woodbury
Secretary of the Treasury

Dr R M Patterson
Phil

Washington, Jan. 4, 1857.

Dear Sir,

By an official communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, I learn, today, with great satisfaction, that you have been duly appointed Superintendent of the Branch Mint at New Orleans. If you accept the appointment, I open that you should be in Philadelphia, I open not without apprehensions that you may declare this appointment, and I pray you therefore to let me know your determination as early as possible.

I will convey to you, in due time, detailed instructions as to the course which you are to pursue in conformity the business of your Mint; but, in the mean while, there are some points about as to which I wish to consult with you.

The Secretary has asked me to recommend suitable persons to fill the operative situations at your Branch, and I find myself personally embarrassed as to the most important

place of Comer. Do you know any one competent to fill this situation? Shum & made a contract with Mr. James Hope, of your city, to put up all the machinery of the Mint there, as Shum had the most satisfactory assurances of his abilities as a mechanic. As his character and standing stood, in other respects, as to fit him for the office of Coiner, am, if so, would he be willing to accept the place?

Shum also has called upon to present an estimate of the expenses of the New Orleans Branch Mint for 1837, and has accordingly sent me to the Committee of Ways & Means. But, as to your building, I was so deficient in information, - nothing having been heard from you for months either by the Secretary of the Treasury or myself, - that my estimate was necessarily very uncertain. The following is the purport of the communication I made to the Committee on this subject.

"The appropriations for the building and machinery for the New Orleans Branch was $200000. The contract price for putting up the building exclusive of the machinery and the enclosing of the lot, is $180000; and the contract price for machinery is $43,630. Shum no accurate means of putting up the remaining wing of the building, nor the cost thereof, but I presume it may be set down at one third of the former contract, that is at $60,667. The railing round the lot will not cost less than $10000. This makes altogether an excess of above the former appropriation of $96,297. Shum accordingly, under the head "for completing the Mint Edifice and enclosing the lot," inserted the sum of $96,500."

It is important that I should have your judgment, as to this estimate, as early as possible, that it may be corrected, if practicable

Very respectfully,
Your faithful Servt
R. M. Patterson,
Director of the Mint

P.S. - You will address me, of course, as Philadelphia.

To
Gen. Alanson Gordon
Superintendent Branch Mint
at New Orleans

New Orleans 4th January 1837

My Dear Sir

I have the pleasure to inform you that the Ship John Sargent, from Philadelphia arrived in port last evening, she has this morning taken a berth opposite to the building intended as a Branch of the Mint of the United States, and will enter at the Custom House and Commence discharging forthwith.

The Bill Lading for the different articles shipped by you, has not as yet arrived tho I shall receive them as soon as they are discharged from the Vessel, and see that they be safely deposited in the building. I have heard nothing from Mr Hoppe, and think it is more than probable that he has not yet arrived — nor have I heard any thing respecting the Superintendant of the Mint. In the absence of both of these persons, or either of them, I will with great pleasure attend and see that every thing needful is done

With Sentiments of great respect

I have the honor to be Sir
Your Obt Servant
Morton Gordon Sen

To R M. Patterson Esq
Phila

Mint U.S.
June 15th, 1857.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that Dr. Wm. P. Hort, Assayer of the Branch Mint at New Orleans, has arrived at this city, ~~for the purpose~~ when I had instructed him to come for the purpose of practising the operations of this department.

He has brought with him a certificate from P. K. Dawson Esq. District Attorney, of the State of Louisiana, that the sureties to his Bond are good & sufficient. I accordingly now enclose that instrument to you, with my certificate annexed.

R. M. P.

Dr. Hort informs me that the Engineer of the New Orleans Mint, and the Melting apparatus, are erected, have been in action, and give entire satisfaction.

R. M. P.

Hon. Lewis Cass
Sec. of State

New Orleans 22nd January 1837

Sir

I have the satisfaction to inform you that the Engine, together with the Machinery shipped by the John Sargent have been safely landed and deposited in the building of the Branch of the Mint of the United States erected in this City: and in compliance with your instructions to that effect under date 18th ultimo, I have drawn on you in favor of the Cashier of the Union Bank in this City, at Sight, for $4867. $315 of this amount, was paid for freight and passage, and $154 expended for Drayage and labor hire, for removing the different articles from the Ships to the Mint: The Vouchers for this expenditure I have the honor to transmit herewith.

I regret to say, that the Engineer employed by you to put up the Boilers and Machinery of the Mint, has not as yet arrived, nor have I heard from him on the subject of his contract with you.

I have written to the Secretary of the Treasury on the Subject of the Superintendent at this place and have intimated my willingness to accept of that appointment. Subsequently to the date of that communication I have observed in the Globe that I have been named and appointed in circumstances which I regret exceedingly; as I cannot in justice to myself and family accept of it: under this determination, permit me, most respectfully, to suggest that you recommend to the Honorable the Secretary of the Treasury some suitable and qualified person for that appointment. I know of none in this place, that I could venture to recommend —

With Sentiments of great regard and Esteem
I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your Obt Servant
Albert Gorton Stone

To
Doctr R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint of the U. S.
Philadelphia

New Orleans Feb 10 1837

R M Patterson Esq

Dear Sir

I have arrived after a very ~~Dear~~ Difficulty journey indeed I had no idea that I would be so long acoming but I have got here at last without any accidents and have commenc'd Opperation but so far I have not received any Word from you. and I have enquired of Mr Gordon if you had Made any Provision for me and he informs Me that you have not. therefore I cannot proceed far with the work untill I am furnish'd with some funds, to go on with. you will please to Write to me by Expres Mail of whom I am to receive Cash from so that i can go on with the work for untill I do get some Money i cannot go Much farther. for Mr Gordon says he is not — Authorize to furnish me with any Cash whatever but he says if you authorize him he will advance the Cash. so I shall expect an answer by the return Mail. and you will Oblige me much. the Machinery in the Ship John Serjeant all arrived here safe and in good order — you will please to inform me Wether Baldwin has shiped the Rolling Mill yet and if he has please to inform me what vessel

Your Truly

Wm Kaye

R M Patterson Esq

Director of the

United States Mint

Philadelphia

Treasury Department
Feb 13th 1837

Sir

I herewith enclose for your perusal, recommendations in favor of Dr William P Hort for the Office of Assayer of the Branch Mint at New Orleans—

I am Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt

Levi Woodbury
Secretary of the Treasury

Dr R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Mint U. S.
N. O. Feb. 21, 1837.

Sir,

On the 7th of December last I entered into a contract with Mr. James Hope of the city of New Orleans, Engineer, "to put up or cause to be put up, in good working order, under his personal superintendence, in the edifice of the Branch Mint at New Orleans, all the machinery intended for the same, which is now making or to be made under the several contracts here, including also the construction of the foundations of masonry and timbers for the engines and machinery preparatory to the erection of the same, — provided that the actual cost of such masonry and wood work shall be defrayed by the United States. The whole to be completed on or before the 31st day of May 1837, unavoidable accidents and delays excepted." For this work Mr. Hope is to receive the sum of $6400; in such proportions, from time to time, as that the amount paid shall not exceed four fifths of the value of labor performed up to the date of such payment. The said sum being including of all expenses whatever, except as in the progress provide.

Now I had hoped that before this time there would have been an officer at your Mint who could be legitimately called upon to act as my agent in the execution of this contract, ~~with whom he might make~~ in whose favor I might ask to have a warrant for the amount ~~of~~ due, and who would make the payments, and keep the accounts. You declining office put it out of my power to ask you to take this trouble, except as a particular favor and temporarily. This favor however, I am induced, by a little recent promise, I hope yesterday, to ask of you now, and I pray you to make him the necessary advances, — taking his receipts. I will replace the money, as soon as it is practicable to make a more regular and permanent arrangement.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful Servant
R. M. Patterson
Director

Hon. Martin Gordon,
Commissioner of
Branch Mint, at
New Orleans

New Orleans March 4th 1837

to R M Patterson Esq.

Dr Sir

up to this Date I have not received a line from you, and I am very anxious to hear from you, concerning My Cash affairs. I have got all the foundation up and the Boilers Set, and am now about to get the Columns up on the rolling Mill floor. I have had a great Deal of Trouble with the Builders to get the Machinery in it right but I think now I will be able to get along. but I wish you would Write to Mr Gordon or Myself and let me know what I am to Do for Money for I am Working on my own Capital and Mr Gordon say he is not authorize to advance me any Cash

Yours Truly

Please to Direct your letter to the Care of Derrick & Co

J. C. Hope

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia, March 6, 1837.

Sir,

I am instructed, by the Secretary of the Treasury, to give you notice of your appointment, by the President and Senate, as Superintendent of the Branch Mint of the United States at New Orleans. I pray you to inform me, by the earliest mail, whether you accept of this appointment, or, in this case, I shall have communications of importance to make to you with regard to the future of the New Orleans Mint.

As I am to hope, Sir, that this is the commencement of a long official intercourse between us, I take the occasion to assure you that every thing shall be done, on my part, to make it satisfactory to you, and useful to the public.

I am, Sir, with great respect
Your faithful Servant,
R. M. P.
Dallas

J. Dallas Bradford Esq.

Treasury Department
March 10. 1837

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 7th instant I have to remark that the State Department has been requested to make out immediately the Commissions for the appointments under the act to regulate the Mint— As to the residence of David Bradford Esq he will be found at St Francisville Louisiana, and until he accepts and removes to New Orleans, Mr Gadsden will be happy to operate all your wishes there—

A Treasurer was nominated yesterday & has today been confirmed— His name is Edmund Forstall of neworleans—

I remain Very respectfully
Your obt Sat.

Levi Woodbury
Sec. Treasury.

R. M. Patterson Esq
Supt. Mint United States
Phila

New Orleans 10th March 1837

Sir

Your Letter of the 20th ultimo I have had the pleasure to receive several days past, but owing to indisposition have not answered it to the present.

The Appointment of a Superintendent for the Branch Mint at this place has been expected for some time past, and I presume may be now daily looked for, until that takes place, I will, with great pleasure act as your agent in the matter, as well, as in any thing else appertaining to the establishment of the Branch Mint here, with the exception, however, of declining the appointment of Superintendent.

The Engineer, Mr Hope, whom you have entrusted with, to put up the Machinery, is progressing rapidly in that matter, and if the Weather is not unfavourably bad, he will be enabled to finish it by the time Stipulated -

In part payment of his Contract, I have this day drawn on you, at Sight, in his favor, for $500, which you will be pleased to honor, and charge him accordingly: all Subsequent payments will be made in like manner, taking Care, however, that they be made strictly in Conformity with the Contract.

The Building is now nearly finished, with the exception of the furnaces; the principal materials for these cannot be procured in this place - upon this Subject I will write you in a day or two

With great respect and Esteem
I have the Honor to be, Sir
Your Ob't Servant
Martin Gordon Surv

To R. M. Patterson Esqr
Director of the Mint
Phila

New Orleans March 12th 1837

R. M Patterson Esq

Dear Sir

I have the Pleasure of introducing Mr Henry LaThrope of New Orleans who is the Foreman of Mr Nicholls the Builder of the United State Branch Mint at New Orleans and as he is going to the North for a short time I thought that you want some information Concerning the Building, which he can give you every Satisfactory information Concerning the whole Buildings, I received your letter of the 21st and every thing will go on right now as Mr Gordon has excepted it

Your Truly
S Leeds

to R M Patterson
Director

Mint U L
Mch 14, 37.

Sir,

Your letter of the 4th inst. has just been received, & the statement that you had not heard from me, gave me surprise. Your letter of the 10th of Feb. was received on the 20th, & answered, by Express mail on the 21st, at which time I also wrote to Gen. Gordon, requesting him to give you the necessary supplies, under your contract, until a regularly appointed officer of the Branch Mint could have charge of the business given to him. Although these letters seem to have been delayed, I have no doubt that you have they have been received long before this, and that your difficulties, as to money, have been removed.

Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
R. M. P.
Director

To/ James Ross, Esq.

Mint U. S.

Phila March 14, 1837.

Sir,

By a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, I am informed of your appointment by the President and Senate, as Treasurer of the Branch Mint of the United States at New Orleans.

It is important for me to know, as early as possible, whether you will accept the office, and I pray you therefore to inform me as soon as your decision is made.

If you determine to accept, then, as soon as you get your Commission, you will please to comply with the 3d. Sect. of the Law of March 3, 1835, establishing Branches of the Mint, by taking your oath of Office, and by executing a Surety Bond, jointly with two Sureties, in the Sum of ten thousand dollars, conditioned for the faithful and diligent performance of your Duties as Treasurer. For these purpose you will please to send enclosed to me, as the bond must have my official Seal before going to Washington.

I send you a copy of the attached Laws, by which you will be able to form a judgment of the duties which the Treasurer will be called upon to perform.

The books, blanks, &c., in the Treasurer's Office will be prepared here, and are, indeed, already nearly completed.

Please to send me your decision by the express mail.

Yours,

P. M. P.

Boston.

To/ Edmund Forstall, Esq.

Mint of the United States.
March 27th, 1837

Sir,

I have the honor to send you enclosed the Oath of Office and Security Bond of Rufus Taylor Esq., as Coiner of the Branch Mint at New Orleans. Him great confidence in this gentleman, as a first-rate Mechanician and a man of excellent personal character, and feel my self happy that he has consented, though after much hesitation, to accept his appointment.

I also send you enclosed a letter from Dr. James B. Rogers, declining the office of Melter and Refiner of the New Orleans Mint; and I do this with extreme regret. I am not, at this time, prepared to recommend a candidate for the place, but I hope to be able to do so in a few days.

R. M. Patterson
Director

To Messrs Gordon Brothers
Lee & Fenno

Philad.a 22 March 1837

Sir

Having duly considered the subject of the communication which I had the honour of receiving from you on the 6th Inst. informing me of my appointment to the Office of "Coiner of the United States Branch Mint at New Orleans" I am now prepared to express my acceptance of the trust upon the condition of being permitted to leave N. Orleans (for the first Summer at least) during the sickly season

In tendering my grateful acknowledgements for the honor thus conferred upon me I beg leave to say that whilst I am partly prevailed upon by the confident hope that in due time the Salary will be increased to a standard commensurate with the importance of the trust, I find among the greatest considerations the pleasure of complying with your wishes

With great respect
I have the honor to be
your Obedient Svt
Rufus Tyler

Ans.d 23d.– Agreed to recommend to the Superintendent a compliance with his condition, at the first Summer.

Dr. R.M. Patterson
Director of the Mint

Mint U. S.
Phil. April 8, 1837

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that I
have received this morning a letter
from Daniel Bradford Esq. dated
N. Fremonville Louis. March 28th an-
nouncing his acceptance of the Office of
Superintendent of the Branch Mint at
New Orleans.

I have
the honor to be
Sir
Your obt. Servt.
R. M. Patterson
Director

Hon. Levi Woodbury,
Sec. of Treasury

Mint of the United States
April 10th, 1837.

Sir,

Your letter of the 25th of March was received on the 5th inst, and I am truly happy to learn that you accept the office of Superintendent of the New Orleans Branch Mint. The Act was immediately communicated to the Legislature of the Union.

On the 22d of March, I sent you the forms of the Oath of Office and Surety Bond required, upon you can enter upon the discharge of your duties. When I hope, already received your attention, and when executed, I must pray you to go to New Orleans with as little delay as possible; as the work in contracts is putting up the Machinery, and there is no Officer of the Mint on the spot. I am, in fact, in want of a correspondent and ~~adviser~~ Counsellor there, and the Chief Officer of the Branch is the suitable person.

The Coins for your Mint is Mr. Robert Taylor, an able Mechanician and a worthy man. He is now here attending to the practical details, an acquaintance with which is so essential ~~to~~ to the proper execution of this Office. He

has also to procure part of the apparatus, and a set of lathes, tools, &c., for a machine-shop, which it will, I think, be essential to have in your Mint. He cannot, therefore, leave him, for some time.

From Dr. Wm. P. Hort, of Opelousas, appointed Assayer, (and entirely unknown to me,) I have not yet received any answer to my communication sent on the 6th of March, announcing his appointment. It is essential that he should pass several weeks at our Mint to learn the business to be committed to him, and which is of extreme delicacy, and high responsibility.

Dr. James B. Rogers, of Cincinnati, who was appointed Melter & Refiner, has declined the office; and I have nominated Jacob Alexander, Esq., now in our Mint, for the situation. He is reasonably, about, familiar with many of the duties that will be committed to him, and a few weeks will render him familiar with the operative parts.

You are aware that the appointment of Teasurer of the New Orleans Branch has been conferred on Edmund Forstall Esq. I have not yet heard from him, and do not know whether he will accept the office.

Now, Sir, there arises a question of great importance, with regard to which I must ask your advice. It seems evident that the officers of the New Orleans Mint cannot be prepared for the execution of their respective duties for many weeks. Dr. Hort, in particular, has, I take it for granted, to learn his profession as Assayer, and he must come here to do so. Can the operations of the Mint, then, be commenced before the sickly season shall come? One of the officers are Northern men, and accept their stations with an understanding that they shall not be exposed at least for the first sickly season. Let me have your judgment in this case. It is most important. If nothing, or but little, can be done before the middle of July, and the functions are then, or soon after, to be suspended, it would be very doubtful whether they must be undertaken till October. When you are at New Orleans, and see the true state of things at the Mint, and consult with Gen. Gordon and

other competent advisers, I pray that
you will give me your opinion on
these points.

Yours &c.
Dr. Mott.
Fayetteville
Tenn.

New Orleans 11th April 1837.

R. M. Patterson Esq.
Director of the Mint
of the United States

Sir,

Your favor of the 4th Ultimo accompanying a copy of the Mint Laws was duly received: I have this day informed the Secretary of State of my intention to accept the office of Treasurer of the Branch Mint at New Orleans; the necessary bonds shall be forwarded to you in a few days.

Awaiting with pleasure any ulterior instructions you may have to give me, I remain, respectfully

Your obedient Servant

Edm: Forstall

Phila^{a} april 14th 1837

D^{r} Patterson

Director U. S Mint

Sir I would Respectfully apply for the Situation of weigh Master to the Mint which Situation has been vacated by the appointment of M^{r} Maxwell to the Branch Mint at New Orleans, Testimonials of my Character and Standing in Society, I herewith Present, from Gentlemen who have Known me for Several years, Should I be so fortunate as to be appointed, will Endeavour to performe the duties to the best of my abilities

I Remain Dear Sir with Respect &c

George Smith

No 75 Gouge Street

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia, Apr. 15, 1857.

Sir,

The appointment of Mr. Maxwell as Melter and Refiner of the Branch Mint at New Orleans renders vacant the place of Clerk of the Weigh Room. I propose that it should be filled by Mr. Edward Sprague, at present Book keeper, a gentleman well calculated to fill it perform its duties, and in on whom all the Officers of the Mint have perfect reliance. The situation is one of great trust.

To supply the place of Mr. Sprague it is my wish to employ Mr. Percy W. Edelman, a young gentleman of whose character and qualifications I have the strongest assurance.

I propose that the Salaries should remain as at present, namely $1200 to the Clerk of the Weigh Room, and $1000 to the Book keeper.

I pray you Sir, to lay me the favor of making known the approbation of the President to this arrangement, as required by the third Section of the new Mint Law.

Hon. Jere Cooding
Sec't Tr.

R. M. Patterson
Director

New Orleans 17th April 1837

R. M. Patterson Esqr.
Director of the U.S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Dr Sir I have the honor to enclose the bond which I have executed at the office of the clerk of the U.S. district courts and which I trust will meet with your approbation and that of the Secretary of State.

In consequence of the absence of the Judge of the U.S. district court I have taken the requisite oath before the judge of the Parish Court of New Orleans, whose signature is certified by the Governor of the State.

I remain Dr Sir
Yours respectfully
Edm. Forstall

Mint of the U. S.
Phila. April 17, 1837

Sir,

I have the honor to send you herewith the oath of office, and surety-bond of Col. James Mc Mahon, Melter and Refiner of the Branch Mint at Charlotte.

I am
Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
R. M. Patterson
Director

To
Hon. Levi Woodbury
Sec. of Treasy.

Mint U.S.

April 19, 1837

Sir,

I have this day received from Edmund Forstall Esq., a letter announcing his acceptance of the office of Treasurer of the Branch Mint at New Orleans; and stating that the necessary bonds shall be forwarded to me in a few days.

I think it strange that I have not yet heard from Dr. Mm P. Hart, appointed Assayer of that Branch. My letter announcing his appointment, and urging an immediate answer, was sent on the 6th of March. It is of great importance that he should be here, as he has a difficult art to learn before he can enter upon the execution of his trust with safety to the government. Has any thing been heard from him at Washington?

R. M. P.
Director

To
Hon. Levi Woodbury
Sec. of Treasury

Treasury Department
April 21. 1837.

Sir

I have to state, in reply to your letter of the 19th instant, where you speak of not hearing anything from Dr W. P. Hort, appointed Assayer of the Branch Mint at New Orleans, that I have made inquiry at the State Department and can learn nothing of him. I would suggest the propriety of your again addressing him on the subject of his appointment, at your earliest convenience.

I am very respectfully
Your Obt Servt

Levi Woodbury
Secretary of the Treasury

Robert M. Patterson Esqr
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

New Orleans, April 22nd 1837

Sir,

I received your letter of the 10th inst. on the 20th and arrived here yesterday. I found Mr Gordon unwell and we did not visit the Mint at this place till this morning, and I hasten to acquaint you that it is his decided opinion and I can add fully supported by all appearances that it is utterly inadvisable and impracticable with a view to the advantage of the public service to commence the operations of the institution before October or November next.

I herewith inclose my Bond, and have to assure you that my Securities are Gentlemen of the first responsibility in our Country. I make this remark as I find the U.S. District Judge is at this moment in Madisonville, to which place I would have gone yesterday in order to qualify, had I found an opportunity, but I was a few minutes too late for the Steam Boat and will not have a conveyance there till day after tomorrow, and I had intended forwarding you his Certificate to that purport.

As soon as I qualify and enter upon the duties of my office I will make to you officially a report of the situation of the institution and at this moment only can say that the works appear to be in an actively progressing state, but far from being finished, that my predecessor states that had he the materials which are expected he would not have them put up, (particularly the furnaces) until the other officers, the Assayer, Melter and Refiner, arrive and can attend personally to them erections, in which I concur. He remarked to me that you were expected here sometime in this month. I cannot express how gratifying it would be to me that you would do so; and Mr Gordon assures me that your presence here would be of the highest advantage to the public service of which I am also firmly convinced and hope you may arrive here at your earliest possible convenience.

Yr. Hum. Sert

David Bradford

To R. M. Patterson
Director of the
Mint Philad.

Mint U.S.
Ph. Sept. 24th, 1837

Sir,

I had the pleasure of receiving, on the 19th, your letter of the 12th inst. announcing your acceptance of the office of Assayer of the Branch Mint at New Orleans, and I immediately communicated the fact to the Treasury Department. I hope may to receive, very soon, the papers which are still necessary to constitute you an officer in full standing, when I will write to you on the subject of your further proceedings.

I have now to ask you to do us the favor to discover, by inquiry or otherwise if possible, the views of Dr. Wm P. Hunt of Opelousas, who was appointed Assayer of your Mint, as from him nothing has been heard either here or at Washington. My letter announcing his appointment, to neither was sent on the 6th of March, and I again wrote to him, on the same subject, on the 22d of March. I am uneasy at his delay in replying to these letters. He has a delicate and difficult part to perform, (at least I must presume so,) and it is important that he should

be with us at this Point, at or early a day as possible. The Secretary of the Treasury has desired me to write to him again — but this seems to be in vain — and I have thought that you might find some certain means of communicating with him. I pray you to make the attempt

Yr

R. W. P.

Dr

Edmund Forbath, Esq.
Treasy Branch Mint
New Orleans

Mint of the United States.
April 25th, 1837

Sir,

I received, this morning, your surety bond, and oath of office.

The first is in due form; but though I have made many inquiries of gentlemen here acquainted at Charleston, I have not been so fortunate as to find any one acquainted with Mr. Berry or Mr. Leigh, and I cannot give my official certificate that the bond is "to my satisfaction" without some assurance as to the character and property of your sureties. I must pray you, therefore, to ask a certificate, on this point, from the U. S. District attorney, for your District. He is the proper legal adviser on this occasion. If, however, he should be absent, I will then ask for the certificate of Gen. Gordon.

Your oath of office, though it may satisfy me, does not satisfy the law,

which is explicit in requiring that the oath be taken "before a judge of the United States." (See pamphlet laws, p. 29.) When I took office, the law as to this point was in the same words, and I had to go to the State of Delaware to find a U.S. judge, none being at the time in this city. I am sorry, therefore, to be obliged to put you to the trouble of renewing your oath of office in legal form. The Comptroller of the Treasury, at Washington, to whom your papers are submitted in the last instance, is exceedingly punctilious as to a literal compliance with the laws.

I am, sir, very respectfully,
Your faithful Servant,
R. M. Patterson,
Director.

To
Edmund Fontaine, Esq.

New Orleans 25th Apl 1837

Sir, I have the honor to return duly executed the documents you lately forwarded to me - Some delay has occurred from the difficulty of finding a US Judge -

I now wait for further instructions in this City, where you will please address me - Very respectfully

Your Obt. Servt

Wm D. Bort

Mint U.S.
Ph Apr 26, 1837

Sir,

I have the honor to receive your letter of the 24th inst, and have, at your suggestion, applied to Mr. Maddock for the gold bullion of which we are so much in want. The benefit which is expected from this purchase, is, as expressed in the act, "to enable the Mint to make the returns & deposites with as little delay as possible." Our silver deposite purchase has already had this effect completely, and we can now pay a deposite of $200 000 in three days, instead of two or three months. We desire to have the same advantage as to gold, and I think $100 000 a week would be sufficient for the purpose. We could then get before hand with our gold coinage, as we now are with our silver, and the delay, which has been so justly complained of, and which has kept much bullion from the Mint, would be removed.

I received yesterday the oath of Office and Surety Bond of Edmund Fontaine Esq., the Treasurer of the

Branch Mint at Charlotte — The oath having been taken before a United States Judge, is not in compliance with the law, — and the Sureties, Capt. J. Berry and C. Rigby, an gentlemen reputable whom I have made inquiries, in vain, among persons here acquainted at Charlotte. Under these circumstances, a new oath has been required, and a Certificate from the District Attorney, as to the Standing & sufficiency of the Sureties.

Respy

R. M. P. Jr

To/
Hon. Levi Woodbury
Sec. of Treasury.

New Orleans 27th April 1837

Dly Dear Son

On the 25th Inst I drew a Bill upon you, in favor of Mr Hope, at Sight for $500, in part payment of a Cotract entered into with you, for putting up the Engine and Machinery of the Branch of the Mint of the United States, in this City — This Bill you will be pleased to pay, and charge the Same to Mr Hope; He has put up the Engine, and a considerable part of the Machinery, he will, in all probability complete his Cotract by the first of June:

The Brig Rebecca from Phila, having on Board the Machinery of the Rolling Mill &c has at length arrived — The articles intended for the Mint, I will have landed as conveniently as possible to the Edifice, and Cause to be carried into the Building — for the freight and Expences, when the Amount is ascertained, I will draw a Bill on you for the Same —

Mr Broadfoot, the Superintendent, has arrived in the City, and ready to enter upon the discharge of his Official duties, having (as he informed me) performed all the formalities required by Law, and will Correspond with you on all Matters and things appertaining to the duties of his Appointment:

The Edifice of the Mint, has now So

for progress, as to be nearly ready for application, the only thing wanting is the furnacing, this cannot be erected, but under the immediate Superintendence of the principal Officers of the Mint.

I have given the Contractors notice, to go on with the other Wing of the building, and to endeavour the Same according to Contract,

Very Respectfully, Sir
Your Obt Sr
Mordecai Gordon Surr
Cons &c

To
Robt Ralph Patterson
Director of the Mint
Phila.

New Orleans April 29th 1837.

Sir,

I herewith enclose my Oath of Office.

I wrote you on the 22nd. enclosing my Bond and informed you that it was the opinion of Mr. Gordon the operations of the Branch Mint at this place could not be commenced before October or November next of which I am also fully convinced. I mentioned that I would make to you a Report of the situation of the Building &c, but in a conversation with Mr. Gordon he informed me he was the Agent of the Government for putting the Establishment in readiness for operation and that my duties were to superintend the operations. As I find nothing here in which I can be of service to the institution I will return tomorrow to St. Francisville where I will await your orders.

I wish to be informed if I am to reside in the Building I find there are commodious appartments for a family. I was informed by my friends at Washington City that I would be furnished with quarters for myself and family by the Government in the Building, and as I have a wife and six children, and the rent of a house in this City for a family as large as mine, is very expensive, it was a consideration to me of the utmost moment in accepting the appointment. I hope it is so, and shall be thankful to you for an early answer to remove anxiety on the matter.

I have great pleasure in stating that Mr. Gordon has manifested a desire to facilitate me in the discharge of the duties of my Office. He informed me he had written you that the Brig Balize had arrived and the bad situation of the machinery. Mr. Hope says he will start the Engine as soon as water is furnished.

I will repair to this place at any moment you may require and act in Conformity to your directions.

Yr. Hum. Servt.

David Bradford.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director
Mint Philada

New Orleans 3rd May 1837.

R. M. Patterson Esq
Director of the U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Sir,

Immediately on the receipt of yours of the 24th Ult.mo I made enquiry after Dr. Wm P. Horstall and have learned that the day preceding my reception of your letter he had left this City with the intention of visiting his friends over the Lake: Mr. Adams, his friend, informed me that Dr H. has complied with the formalities required on his acceptance of Office and thinks it very probable that he may be on his way to your City.

I sent the papers you mention on the 18th Ult.o you have doubtless ere this received them -

Respectfully Your obd.t Servant
Edm.d Forstall

United States District Attorney's Office,
New Orleans, May 4. 1837.

I hereby certify that Jeremiah Berry and Solomon High of the City of New Orleans, who, I am informed, have executed a bond of Ten Thousand Dollars as securities of Edmund Forstall, lately appointed Treasurer of the Mint, at New-Orleans, are good and sufficient.

P. K. Lawrence,
U. S. Atty. East. Dist. La.

New Orleans 4th May 1837

R.M. Patterson Esq
Director U.S. Mint.
Phila.

Sir

I now annex the certificate of the U.S. District attorney as to the responsibility of my sureties. I also enclose a copy of the 5th Sect. of an act supplementary to an act entitled "an act establishing a mint and regulating the coins of the United States" approved Jan.y 18. 1837. and after which the district atty. thinks that the oath taken is according to the law. I shall nevertheless renew the oaths of office before the U.S. District Judge so soon as he returns to town which will be most probably, in the course of next week.

I remain, Sir, Resp.y

Your obed.t Servant

Edm. Forstall

New Orleans 4th May 1837

Sir

I have this day drawn on you, at sight, in favor of the Cashier of the Union Bank of Louisiana for the sum of $459.50, being the amount of freight and primage on the Rolling Machinery shipped by the Brig Burbank from Phila. together with Cartage and Labour Bills in transporting the same to the Mint, which will more fully and at length appear by the accompanying Receipts. This Bill you will be pleased to pay, and charge the amount to the Branch Mint at this place.

I could not succeed to induce the Captain of the Burbank to take — both Opposite to the Mint, but had to submit to his taking one at a very considerable distance, which circumstance will explain to you the heavy expence incurred — We had to take the Cars (which was on deck) a part, and take out all the Machinery separately in order to land it in safety, in doing so, it was found to have been considerably injured by salt Water, indeed I was much astonished that Machinery of this description should have been Shipped in such a careless manner, in being exposed during the Voyage on deck and subject to be wet constantly with Sea Water — It will take much labor, and considerable expence to put it in a good Condition, this however, will be done, as soon as we can get the Engine going, which will probably be in 10 or 15 days —

I have made a temporary arrangement with the Commercial Bank to supply the Mint with Water, which will, perhaps, be the cheapest way of doing it, before it is made permanent, the Conditions will be submitted for your Consideration

Mr Hope is progressing rapidly with his Contract of putting up the Machinery of the Mint, and I think it more than likely that he will finish it by the 15th of next month — By that time the Edifice will be Completed in all its parts — with the exception of

the different Bureaus, there must be contracted under the immediate Superintendence of the Officers of the Mint, the necessity of doing so, you can readily conceive; Therefore with a view to expedite their Contracting, in order that the establishment may be put into Operation, at an early a day as practicable, permit me to suggest that all the Materials be forthwith prepared in Phila and shipped with as little delay as possible to this place. When this is accomplished, the Mint can be put into Operation, in a very short time afterwards -

I have given instructions to the Contractors for erecting the Edifices, to go on and work the other Wing of the Building, and to enclose the Square of ground according to their Contract; The foundations will probably be laid, and the Square of ground inclosed by the middle of July, and the whole Building finished by the first day of January next - In the interval, it will not obstruct that part already finished, or prevent in any manner the Operations of the establishment -

Mr Bradford, the Superintendant, was here for a few days, and has left the City for his residence in Delaware, this I presume has been done, as I have not seen him for 4 or 5 days past, in his absence I will with great satisfaction attend to any, and every thing, in order to get the Mint into Operation, therefore you may command me without any reservation -

Some time since Mr Hopkinson informed me, that he had understood from you, that it was your intention to visit our Colony, in order to inspect the buildings &c &c, this, if agreeable to you would give me a great deal of pleasure, independent of the satisfaction of seeing you in our City, I think you would be delighted with the arrangements and convenancy of the Mint when done, not more with its distribution, than with its location, The Season is not too far elapsed for you to pay us a flying visit with perfect safety, therefore pack up and be off at a moments notice, and on your return take the Germantown in your way, and spend a few days with the Old Romans, perhaps I may have it in my power to accompany you as far as that -

With great respect

I have the honor to be, Sir
your Ob Servt
Abm Jordan Junr
Com Mint

To
Robt M. Patterson
Director of the Mint of the U. S.

Point [illegible]

[illegible], Mar 6, 1837

Dear Sir

Your letter of the 27th ult. has been duly received. Your draft for $10 in favor of Gen. Jam Hopkins will be honored when presented. I am glad to hear of the progress he is making in his cause.

You mention that Gen Bradford is in your city, and has given that the usual formalities required by law to enable him to enter upon the execution of his duties. I am to be glad to know that one of these formalities has not yet been attended to, for his papers have not been forwarded for my approbation as required by law. To prevent difficulties, I beg you will mention to him that his oath of office must be taken before a United States Judge, and that, being unacquainted at Natchez, I must beg that he will procure from for me a certificate, from the U.S. District Attorney, of the sufficiency of his sureties.

The Postmaster-Genl. should
be your Guide, and the Country an
open one, making preparation for
entering upon their offices with
full knowledge of their duties.
I write to Mr. Bradford to consult
with you as to any important
point, with regard to which I wish
the advice of both of you. He is
to the time when it will be proper
and safe for these officers to go to
their stations.

I have not yet heard a word
from Dr. Wm. P. Ford, member of
Act 1st of your State, nor has any
thing been heard at Washington. I
write to him by this an immediate
reply on the 6th Proto or the
20th of March. This delay, on
his part, will prove fatal as
to his efficiency. He has a most
difficult and responsible office, and
he ought to be there preparing himself for its performance.

Yr

P. M. G.

Hon Martin Gordon

Treasury Department
May 9th, 1837.

Sir, I have the honor to send you herewith the Bond and Oath of Office of David Bradford Esq., Superintendent of the Branch Mint at New Orleans. Upon inquiry of Gen. Persifor Smith, Edw. Livingston Jackson, and others, I find that the Sureties are extensive men of wealth and high standing, so that the Bond may be deemed satisfactory.

I am

Sir

Your Ob. Servt.

R. M. T.

Dft

To
Hon. Levi Woodbury
Sec. of Treasury

Dept of the United States
May 9th, 1817

Sir,

I received your letter of the 8th inst yesterday, and that of the 29th today.

I am pleased your purpose to the Secretary of the Treasury, and, after making inquiry respecting your services and fidelity, I am well known as much of high standing, and prosperity. I am satisfied that your bond is to my satisfaction. You may therefore safely assume that the further formalities at Washington will be passed through immediately, and that you are fully qualified to enter upon the duties of your office.

I shall be glad that your final report should be, as you have yourself proposed, a report "on the situation of the navigation," including your views as to the time when it would be practicable and practicable, with a view to the advantage of the public service, to commence operations," and when it would

necessary and safe for the Officers and workmen from the north to ~~report to~~ Come to Washington. A. there is an understanding with those who have accepted offices, from that they shall not be required to remain at Washington the first sickly season, I wish you to state whether it will be necessary in your judgment, that they shall go on now.

In connection with this subject, it is proper to mention, that one of the most important offices has not yet been heard from, either here or at Washington. I mean Dr. Hart, the Assayer. He has a delicate and difficult art to learn, before it would be safe to entrust him with the responsible duties of his office. I have already written to Mr. Kendall to endeavour to get some information respecting him. I wrote to Dr. Hart on the 6th 7th 10th of March, but have no answer.

It is utterly impossible for me to leave this point ~~to visit~~ now. The branches require my attention equally, and will not permit me to leave my post of correspondence here. While we have four Branch Mint Offices now with us, gaining practical information in their several departments.

It is my wish that ~~all the~~ the Superintendent shall reside in the Mint, and also the Coiner and Melter and Refiner; and, if practicable, all the Officers. The assortment intended for the Superintendent are to be in the new wing. The Melter and Refiner, Mr. Maxwell, has no family; the Coiner Mr. Tyler, has a family. I hope that Jno. Gordon and yourself will make provision for their comfort and suppose with accommodations. They have charge of all the Bullion at this present is always necessary.

Yr

A. M. P.

Dr

Hon. Daniel Bradford, Esq.
Sup. Treasury, Washington

Mint U. S.

May 10. 1837

Sir,

I have at last heard from Dr. Wm. P. West, who has received his Letter of Office and Bond & has performed the duties of his station. Not being able to obtain assurances of the responsibility of his sureties, I must retain the bond until I can again hear from Mr. Wickham.

I have requested Dr. West to come to the Philadelphia Immediately.

Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
R. M. Patterson
Dir

To
Hon. Levi Woodbury
Secy of Treasury

Mint U.S.
Phila May 10, 1837.

Sir,

I have this moment received your letter of the 9th ~~inst~~ ult., with the accompanying papers.

It is now more than two months since I first wrote to announce your appointment, and I have had my answer that no letter was sent to me.

You will please to set out for Philadelphia, without delay, & pursue an opportunity of practising the art of assaying here, since, until you are thoroughly acquainted with it, it will not be safe to commence operations at the Charlotte Branch Mint.

Your duties being unknown to me, I will thank you to bring with you a certificate as to their responsibility, either from the District Attorney, the Superintendent of your Mint, or Jas. Gordon.

I am

Yr. Obt. Servt.

A. Mint

Dentzy

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia, May 12th, 1837.

Sir,

I have the honor to send you herewith the Surety Bond and Oath of Office of Edmund Forstall, Treasurer of the Branch Mint at New Orleans.

The oath of office is not taken before a United States judge as required by the law of March 3, 1835, establishing the "Branches of the Mint," but it is in compliance with the 5th Sect. of the Mint Law of Jan. last, applying to "every officer, assistant and clerk of the Mint." The District Attorney for New Orleans has pronounced it to be sufficient, and I think he is right.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your faithful Servant,
R. M. P.
Director

The Sec. of Treasury

New Orleans 22 May 187

Sir

I have this day received your letter
mailed the 11th inst instructing me to
proceed on immediately to Philadelphia
& to carry along with me a certificate
of the responsibility of the Sureties on my
bond - I beg to assure you that I have
not failed to reply to every communication
that I have received on the subject of my
appointment, & I presume that one or more
letters have been lost on the road - I also
replied immediately to Mr Forsyth, when he
forwarded my commissions, & informed him
that I accepted the appointment
I leave this place in the first boat for
Louisville, & shall lose no time in proceeding
to Philadelphia I remain very respectfully
Your Ob. Servt
Wm B. Hord

United States District Attorney's Office.

New Orleans, May 23. 1837.

I Certify that John P. Taylor and Maurice Moore, who, as is stated to me, have executed their bond in favor of the United States for the sum of Five Thousand Dollars, as Sureties of William P. Foort, Assayer of the Mint, at New Orleans, are good and sufficient.

P. K. Lawrence
U. S. Atty Eastn Dist. Louia

New Orleans 25th May 1837

R M Patterson Esqr
Director U S Mint
Philadelphia
Sir

I have now the pleasure to endorse my oath of Office taken before Saml H Harper Esqr Judge of the US District Court.

On looking over the laws a second time Mr Lauranced discovered his error with regard to the oath and I have therefore crossed the Lake to Madisonville to which place Judge Harper has retired in order to take my Oath according to law

Believing this will complete my documents I remain Sir Very respectfully Yours

Edm Forstall

New Orleans June 10th 1837.

Sir.

I received your very obliging letter of the 9th ult. on the 6th inst. having been at St Francisville since I last wrote you. After writing you that I would make a "report" in the situation of the Institution, I found that Mr Gordon had not been Superintendent as I had been informed, and he told me he was the special Agent of the Govt for the erection of the building and machinery, and I concluded he had kept you informed of the progress of the work. I am not the full information requisite to acquaint you exactly of the State of the work, but have much pleasure in stating generally that it is advancing rapidly and Mr Gordon feels confident in having it in readiness for business in October. On my arrival I mentioned to Mr G. that as the other officers had been ordered on to Philada and as I was not needed here, that I wished much to go on also to acquire information, be fully apprized of my duties and said he thought I would be allowed my expenses, and that by the united and energetic exertions of all the officers the business might be expedited and the Mint in operation before October, as with care and the Comforts the building afforded there was no danger of sickness at any time of the year. I then called on the Collector, Mr Bradlow, to get the account herewith endorsed paid which he did not do as he only pays warrants; and Mr Bradlow advised me not to go on to Philada without your instructions, and was of opinion the Officers and workmen could not be induced to come here and commence business before October, and the most experienced citizens with whom I have conversed concur in the opinion; and I find from the depressed state of business of every description in this place, it is apprehended it will be a sickly year.

I was Clerk of the Land Office at St Helena in this State for several years and invariably received my salary quarterly on sending my Receipt to the Secty of the Treasury in the form I have used on the present occasion. Mr Gordon is of opinion that I should make a Requisition on you for any required sums of money; I am not acquainted with the forms and request of you all the information necessary to me.

I have to request that you get a Warrant from the Treasurer of the U.S. on the Collector at this place or the agent of the Govt as may best suit the convenience of the Department, for the account herewith or so much of it as may be allowed, and remit the same if practicable by express Mail, if not by the ordinary Mail, to me at St Francisville.

Mr Bradlow told me that my salary was due me only from 24th May last, the date of my Oath of Office; others say from the date of my Commission. In the first case I shall be given you a special power to receive my salary to this time.

I hope you will excuse the liberty I take in making this troublesome request of you and be assured your compliance will confer a great favor on me at this time.

I have only to add that I must return to St Francisville to day, when I will hold myself in readiness at a moment to act in conformity to any directions I may receive from you.

Your most Obligd Hum. Sert.

David Bradford.

The United States

To David Bradford, Superintendent of the

1837 Branch Mint at New Orleans Dr.

For his Salary for one quarter, from
the 7th day of March to the 7th day of
June 1837 at the rate of $2500, a year,
as per the second section of the Act
of Congress entitled "An Act to establish
Branches of the Mint of the United States"
approved March 3rd 1835 ——— $625.00

New Orleans June 10th 1837.

Rec'd of R. M. Patterson, Director of the Mint at Philad'a
six hundred and twenty five Dollars in full for the above account.

David Bradford, Supt
Br. Mint New Orleans.

R. M. Patterson, Director of the Mint at Philadelphia.

Sir.

I hereby empower you to receive my Salary as Supt. of the Br. Mint
at New Orleans, or any part of it that may be allowed up to this date.

New Orleans
June 10th 1837

David Bradford, Supt. Br.
Mint, New Orleans.

New Orleans 16th June 1837

My dear Sir

I have this day drawn on you at sight in favor of the Cashier of the Union Bank of Louisiana for Three Thousand and Two Hundred, and Thirty three Cents, being the amount of incidental Expenses, in putting up the Engine and Machinery of the Branch of the Bank of the United States in this City. The different items composing this amount are enumerated in three accounts, Certified by the Agent, which I have by this mail transmitted you; from these accounts, you will probably find charged, many items, which ought in justice to be deducted from the Contract, for making the Engine and Machinery, in as much as they were found defective, or not made and sent with the other Machinery. As the Agent will soon be with you he can give you such information on the subject, as will be perfectly satisfactory; he left this for Phila about one Week since and you may expect his arrival soon after the receipt of this.

As the documents are too voluminous to be transmitted by the Express mail I have forwarded them by the Common mail.

Whilst the Agent may be in Phila he will give you also the necessary information relating to the Branch Bank in this place, and to whom, should you be under the necessity of applying for payment. He has, most faithfully, (so far as I am enabled to judge) performed his duty, in putting up the Engine, and that part of the Machinery sent out, and I have at different times drawn on you, in his favor for $2,000 in part payment under his Contract; On the faith of such bills, this Special Agent was employed.

The building, is now in a Condition (with the exception of the furnaces) to Commence Operations forthwith, and I have to regret, according to that it is not under way at this time; Our City, in Consequence of the Suspension of Specie Payments, by the Banks, are overrun with all Species of Small Notes, if Something is not done soon to check this

State of things, we must expect to be inundated with this Whig Circulating Currency; our experiments will testify the disposition of the Government.

It is believed, (in this place) if we had the Mint under Operation, it would very soon put a stop to the State of things in regard to the circulation of this abominable Whig Rag Money.

I am now going on, with rapidity, in putting up the other Wing of the Edifice of the Mint, without some unforseen occurrence should transpire, the whole building will be complete by the first of October together with the enclosure of the Lots. I confidently expect by that time to turn it over to the Superintendent completely finished in all its parts. When Completed, it will present one of the most Convenient establishments, in this, or any other Country.

It would have been extremely gratifying to me, that you should have seen the establishment before it was finished, but in this I have been disappointed; It is expected however, that you will visit the city in the fall,

I have been seriously indisposed since the dispatch of our Steam Boat, which is the cause of my not writing you Sooner,

With great regard and Esteem
I have the honor to be
Your Obd. Sert
Alexander Gordon Secy
Com. Ky

To Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint of the U. States
Phila

New Orleans 19th June 1837

My Dear Sir

I had the honor of addressing you, under date 16th Inst and received your of my Giving drawn on you, in favor of the Cashier of the Union Bank of Louisiana, at Sight for the sum of $3883.33 being the amount of three small accounts, for Materials and Labor, incident to putting up the Engine and Machinery of the Branch of the Mint of the United States in this City; my Letter of advice was forwarded by the Express, and the accounts by the regular Mail of that date.

During the absence of Mr Hope, as well, as all the Officers of the Mint, (with the exception of the Treasurer) I have thought it proper, to employ a trusty and confidential person to take Care of the establishment, to superintend the cleaning and Taking Care of the Machinery: & see that no injury be done to either one or the other -

Mr Hope, may probably express a wish, to be employed in the Mint here, in the Capacity of Engineer, should he determine to resign his Service as such, I have no doubt but that it is perfectly competent to discharge these duties in the most Satisfactory manner; indeed I should consider his Service in that Capacity, as an acquisition to the establishment. I entertain an Opinion of his perfect honesty, and moral integrity, of which would recommend him to your Consideration.

As Mr Hope has no fears, in regard to the effect of our Climate on Strangers, he Could, if employed by you, return without any unnecessary delay with the all the Materials for building the Furnaces, and in this way expedite the period of our Operations, indeed my dear Sir I am extremely anxious to get the establishment under way, not more for the interest of our City, than for the good of the Community at Large

Mr Biddle together with his trusty and adventurous Whigs, have succeeded in their experiment of a paper Currency, from the effects of such good God deliver us — Rags, Rags, and Rags is the order of the day with the patriotic Merchants of our good City, promissory notes circumscribing are as common as Rhode Island Bonds in Virginia not as good however, as the latter, is good for Hogs, and the former only fit to flatter Whigs, which I consider as the most useless of Gods creation

I know of no intended so effectual to counteract the pernicious and ruinous machinating efforts of the Whig Company, than to administer an Medicine called Bottom's Mint drops beginning with the White, till they produce a slight effect, and then work it off with the yellow boys, If this should not produce the desired effect, Why, then, We must turn them over to 'Old Nick' who I guess knows how to manage such Chaps, —

Mr Rodgers, the superintendant, was in the city a few days since, and I presume has returned to his residence in the Parish of West Feliciana, as I have not seen him for several days past, Mr Peterson resides in the city, but I have not seen him once at the Mint, and that only for a few moments — during the absence of the Officers, I visit, with a great deal of pleasure, (as I have before promised) attend to any matter and thing in relation to the Mint,

Our City continues uncommonly healthy for the season, it is the Opinion of many well informed Physicians that we shall not be visited this year, with the Scourge, that abominable scourge of our City, —

With great respect
I have the honor to be, Sir
Your Obt Servt
Martin Gordon Sen

To
Doct R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint of the U. S.
Philadelphia

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, June 27th, 1837

My dear Sir,

Your letters of the 16th and 19th have been duly received, and your draft for $3003.33 in favor of the Cashier of the Union Bank of Louisiana was presented and paid this morning. The account, which you forwarded by the ordinary mail, has not yet come to hand.

Mr. Thos. Taylor, one of the Mint's workmen whom he took from this Mint, has returned, and gives a very favorable report of the machinery. Mr. Hope has not yet arrived.

I am convinced that we shall be forced to follow your first advice as to the time of commencing operations at the New Orleans Mint; and I regret this the less because we have experience that the anticipations on which you count as a remedy to the bad currency is of no avail. The bills are coming and are still coming in immense amounts of one, two dollars, dimes, and half-dimes, but it is all in vain. The will not submit to keep company with the base rags

so that they will not and do not circulate together. Indeed it is not in the nature of trade that they should — at least they cannot do so upon a par; and to make a calculation of premiums and discounts, when you are purchasing a pound of cheese, or paying for a glass of mineral water, is too troublesome and too preposterous for to be borne. The consequence is that the coins are hoarded, and the shin-plasters alone are to be met with. Some of my democratic friends are so obstinate that they will not pay away the small illegal notes, — (for in Pennsylvania they are prohibited by express statute) — and the consequence is that they give you 10 to 12 P Cent for their silver and you can get a particle back.

I have to thank you very sincerely for the zealous cooperation which you have uniformly given me in every thing that concerns your Branch Mint, particularly [illegible] and inquiring whether your official duties called upon you or not. I shall be greatly disappointed if you are not in the end rewarded by seeing at your city one of the best established Mints that any Country can possess at present. The prompt[illegible] about which some persons perplexed must gloomily, and which did at first give us some difficulty, are now in full operation here, and with perfect success. Nothing could tempt us to exchange them for the old pattern; and I congratulate myself now, for the pertinacity with which I insisted, against advice, that they alone should be employed at the Branches.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful Servt
R. M. Dallas

To
Gen. Martin Gordon
Commissioner Branch Mint
N. Orleans.

SHIPPED, **IN** good order and condition, by Robt P Desilver
in and upon the good Ship called John Sergeants
whereof is Master for this present Voyage, and now
lying in the Port of Philadelphia, bound for New Orleans
To say:

U S Branch
Mint
New Orleans

Three Boxes Tinsel

No 7. 8. 9

Being marked and numbered as in the margin, and are to be delivered in the like good order and condition at the aforesaid port of New Orleans (the danger of the Seas only excepted) unto U S Branch Mint at New Orleans or to them assigns; he or they paying freight for the said goods, at the rate of Two dollars with primage and average accustomed.

Freight $2.0
10
$2.10

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Master or Purser of the said Ship hath affirmed to three Bills of Lading, all of this Tenor and Date; one of which being accomplished, the others to stand void. Dated PHILADELPHIA, the

3 day of July 183

Wm Taylor

Director
in good order and well conditioned, by the ~~AGENT OF THE TREASURER~~ OF
THE UNITED STATES, in and upon the good Ship John Sargeant
whereof is Master for this present voyage
and now in the river Delaware, and bound for New Orleans.

Nine Boxed, Gouged Staves tubs & Buckets,
nine Coal baskets, three Castings,
And twenty two cast iron Pots.

Being marked and numbered as in the Margin, and to be delivered in the like good order, and well conditioned, at the aforesaid Port of New Orleans (the danger of the Seas only excepted,) unto Supt of the Br Mint N.O. or to His Assigns; he or they paying Freight for the said Goods.

Thirty Pieces $37 per Orleans = $37.50 per Jany

In Witness whereof, the Master or Purser of said Ship hath affirmed to Three Bills of Lading, all of this Tenor and Date; one of which being accomplished, the others to stand void.

PHILADELPHIA, July 10. 1837

Wt 39.50
Tt 1.97
Nett 37.53

contents unknown — not accountable for Breakage — L. Pettit Dft.

3 Boxes M. Br Mint U.S.A. No 10 B 11 B 12 B

1 Box Mkd Br Mint & No 1 A

5 Boxes Mkd Br Mint & No 1, 3, 5, 6 & 18

32 Bxs Mkd Br Mint & No from 1 to 32 inclusive

4 Nest tubs &c — — — 14 B. 15 B. 16 B. & 17 B

1 Circular Casting — — — 4

1 Roller — — — ◇

1 Roller — — — ◇

Boston July 5. 1837

Sam[l] Moore Esq[r]

N Orl[s]

We mailed in the Morning Post (according to instructions in your letter of April 10. 1837) an advt for Prop[s] to contract & Building for the Branch Mint at N Orleans, & according to your request sent our Bill to Morton Gordon Esq[r] N Orleans, for payment, not receiving the pay, we sent a second time on 18th April last, but we have not rec[d] any reply to either letter— please inform us if we can pursue any other course to get our Bill settled & oblige Yours Obt Servt.

Deab Greene

Prop[r] of Morning Post
Boston

P.S. our Acct for
6 Insertions is $12

From Abraham Miller's Pottery,
Zane St. near 7th, Phila'da.

Is good order and condition, by **ABRAHAM MILLER**, in the good Ship
called the Victor Vincent whereof C. VanDyke is Master,
now lying in the Port of PHILADELPHIA, and bound for New Orleans
To Say
Twenty Eight Box's & Eight Barrels Medge
on account and at the risk of the Owners
of the Branch Mint at New Orleans
Being marked and numbered as in the margin, and are to be delivered in the like good order
and condition, at the aforesaid Port of New Orleans (the dangers of the Seas
only excepted) unto the Master of the Branch Mint at or to his assigns,
he or they paying freight for said goods at the rate of Pr. Steamer Pr. Ct. Pr. Box of 85 Gallons
and 5% primage

In Witness whereof, the Master of said Ship hath affirmed to Four Bills of
Lading, all of this tenor and date; one of which being accomplished, the others to be void.

Philadelphia, the 6th *day of* July 1837

C VanDyke

Br. Mint
New Orleans
Box's numbered from
1 to 29 inclusive
Bbls numbered from
1 to 8 inclusive
Ins $16.85
Prim 2.71
$ 19.59

Shipped, in good order and condition, by Bennett & Agnew

Sold by W. Hyde, 77 Chesnut Street, Philada.

in and upon the Ship called the Archer

whereof is Master, for the present voyage, and now lying

in the Port of Philada and bound for New Orleans

11 Boxes containing Coining Dies

W 1858

Nos from 30 to 40 (inclusive)

M & P

New Orleans Mint

Being marked and numbered as in the margin, to be delivered in the like good order and condition, at the aforesaid Port of New Orleans (the danger of the Seas only excepted) unto or to

Assigns, he or they paying Freight for the said Goods at the rate of

Twenty two 25/100 Dollars

with Primage and Average accustomed. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Master or Purser of the said Ship hath affirmed to 5 Bills of Lading, all of this Tenor and Date; one of which being accomplished, the others to stand void.

Dated at Philada the 17th day of July 1837

$22.25
1.11
$23.36

Contents unknown

McAuslan

U. S. Mint
July 20, 1837.

Dear Sir,

I send herewith Bills Lading of Machinery for your Branch Mint, of which I pray you to take charge as usual.

Most respectfully
Your faithful Servt
R. M. Patterson,
Director

Genl Martin Gordon
New Orleans.

U S B Mint New Orleans July 17th 1837.

Dr R. M. Patterson, Director

Dear Sir,

I have felt greatly indebted to you for your kind and prompt attention in communicating the result of the assays of the assay pieces I sent you last month. It afforded Mr Maxwell and Mr Tyler the highest satisfaction: But Dr Hort, of whose zeal and anxiety to attain accuracy in his operations and on every respect promote the interests of the institution, I cannot express myself too highly, has deemed it proper to address me the following letter which I have great pleasure in bringing to your consideration.

July 17– 1838

Dr Bradford Esqr
Supt Br Mint N.O.

Sir, I this the Director of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia writes that the Result of the assays of night is in the which very satisfactory yet such differences exist as are very trying but satisfactory to me, & I deem it but justice to myself to offer to Dr Patterson through you, what I trust will be considered a sufficient explanation — I am persuaded that the difference of the assays arises from a defect in my balances & from the unfortunate circumstances of my rooms being situated over the Melting & Refining department — From some Cause probably the roughness of the knife edges — or some other unknown to me the balance is often deposited to one side or the other indicating from a half to two milligrams after the weight has been apparently accurately determined. In this respect it is so capricious that no matter how many trials I may make, I can never feel perfectly secure as to the result. I have requested Mr Tyler to obviate this difficulty for me, who has promised to do so when he will have leisure to attend to it. Besides this you are aware Sir, how every thing in my rooms is jarred by the operations in the Melting & Refining rooms underneath. When they are cutting silver preparatory to its being melted, every blow is sensibly felt, & it is impossible at that time to bring

the balance to perfect rest. the upper level has to be adjusted every few
months & sometimes even the beam is thrown out of its true central position. The first
difficulty I presume Mr Tyler can remedy. the second can only be obviated by my
removing the balance to another and distant part of the house which will
be attended with very great inconvenience, to which however I shall very
cheerfully submit. I Remain Respectfully Yours &c &c

Wm J. Hunt Assayer"

Mr Maxwell yesterday gave me the pleasing information
that in settling with the Treasurer his Gold account came out exactly right.
He is not yet through his Silver account but expects the same result. Mr
Maxwell has with the most incessant industry and diligence succeeded in
his operations far beyond all expectation having had to instruct all his men.
Mr Tyler says he could not desire to get any better than those Mr
Maxwell has given him. Mr Tylers annealing furnace I think a great
improvement over any with the description of which I have any knowledge.
and all his operations not only satisfactory but highly creditable to him.

For your letter of the 22nd ults we are all truly
grateful to you. Some of the men have been slightly sick and
much alarmed. Some have already left but all are satisfied
who are still here.

I will I hope in a day or two at furthest make to
you a full Report of our proceedings and situation up to this time.

With great Respect and Esteem
Yr Obt Servt
David Bradford
Superintendent

Mint U. S.

July 20, 1837.

Dear Sir,

I sent you herewith Bills of Lading of Coin & Bullion sent by the Ship Archer, and of a large collection of Articles sent by the Ship John Sergeant for the Branch Mint at New Orleans, of which you will please pay due to take charge & forward.

I have received a letter from Messrs. Beals & Greene, respecting a bill which they had ~~to~~ remitted to you advertising for the N. O. Branch Mint, in Merrin's Post at Boston. It evidently belongs to your department and I presume has been overlooked by you.

Respectfully

R. M. P.

Dr

To
Jos. Martin Gordon Esq.
New Orleans

New Orleans 31st August 1837

My Dear Sir

I have this day drawn upon you at Sight, in favor of ~~the~~ P. Hamilton Esquire Assistant Cashier of the Union Bank of Louisiana for the sum of Two hundred and Ninety five Dollars, Sixty Eight Cents, being the amount of freight on board the Ship John Sargent and stocker of Sundry articles from the use of the Branch of the Mint of the United States in this City, together with Labor done, Drayage &c incident to the delivery of the same, which will fully appear from a Statement thereof on the opposite page; the Invoice is transmitted by the usual Mail under this date: On the presentation of this Bill, you will be pleased to pay the same, and charge it accordingly.

All the articles shipped by the John Sargent and stocker, (with the exception of Two Carboys Aquafortis, which was broken on the passage from Phila) has been safely landed and deposited in the Mint.

I have also received from on board the Louisiana from Boston three Sheet Glass Water, which I have in like manner deposited in the Mint. These last articles was not accompanied with any Bill Lading, or Letter of advice.

The Cutter building and one of the Wings of the Edifice intended for the Mint, is complete in every respect, and will be ready to commence Operations as soon as the Machinery ~~—~~ is put up — The remaining Wing, will, in a few Weeks be in readiness for the Roof, and will be completed before the time in which it may be wanted.

I am apprehensive we shall experience some delay in procuring the Materials for the inclosure of the ground — they have been long since promised, but hope not to get worried, indeed, they have been stated several times, as being on the Way from Boston: I do not like to be too suspicious, but I am rather fearful that some intentional delay has occasioned this State of things — but we can get the Mint under operation without the Square of ground (on which it is located) being inclosed; this can be done afterwards —

I have not seen or heard from the Superintendent for some

Three past, nor have I seen the Treasury (altho' he resides in the City) but once since his appointment; On many occasions, it would have afforded me much gratification to have asked the advice of those Officers, but in this I have been disappointed, as well, as in their Co-operation

Asst Asst arrived in the City two days ago, and left out the next day for his residence on Ogeechee, where he will remain four four or five Weeks. I was very anxious for him, to take up his residence in the apartments prepared for him in the Mint, but it seems private business required his presence on the Parish in which he is domiciliated

I have been much disappointed in the health of our City; having for three successive years escaped that abominable Scourge, the fevers of our Country, I had flattered myself, for the future, We should be exempt from it, But in this We have been disappointed, and I am sorry to inform you that the fever prevails amongst us to a considerable extent; it is apprehended that Winter will be more fatal for persons unacclimated — under those circumstances, it will not be prudent to send the officers and men employed for the Mint to this place before the Middle of October, or perhaps the first of November,

I have suffered more from the Rheumatism, since the date of my last Letter, than for 15 or 20 years past, this will account for my not having written you before. The effects for Bread, will I am fearful last me for the balance of my days. Which under ordinary calculation cannot be long — but the last grains of sand, it will only cost

that I am truly and sincerely
your friend
Martin Gordon Surr.

To Doct R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint of the United States
Philadelphia

Weight, by the Ship John Seargent $188.52
do By the " Atalanta 29.11
Labor their Baggage &c . . . . . 65.
Cartage . $1.—
.75
.50
.25
.25
.25 . . . . . 2.75
$ 295.38

New Orleans 7th August 1837

Dr R M Patterson
Philadelphia

New Orleans 1 Sept 1837

Sir.

Considering the very hot & debilitating weather which has prevailed here for two months, & the paralysing influence of yellow fever, which this year is no ordinary visitation, & makes even the old acclimated Creoles look serious, I think the work at the Mint is as far advanced as could reasonably be expected, although when I left the City last May I calculated to see more done in my absence. The wing next the river is up to the second story, & will probably be covered by the end of the month, & it may be completely finished by the time that it will be prudent for Mrs Maxwell & Tyler to come out. That time will depend on the occurrence of frosts, which is quite contingent, though most frequently appearing about the middle of October. The fever attacks almost all unacclimated persons, & Mr Gordon, who was so anxious that he should prevail on the other officers of the Mint to accompany me back, now agrees that they are still in Philadelphia.

All the packages lately shipped have arrived in good order. I regret that I have not any spare apparatus as I have been called on to spare Gold. I think that the Merchants begin to feel more interest in the Mint, & to perceive the advantages of a location in this City.

I am not quite satisfied with my knowledge of the mode of arranging the Assay furnaces, & should be obliged to Mr Maxwell or Mr Tyler to examine Mr Eckfeldt's attentively, so that either of them may be able to assist me in case I should find myself deficient. I will not fail to write, when I believe that it will be a desirable for the officers Everywhere to leave Philadelphia for the South.

There is so little business doing in the City, that it is difficult to determine if any improvement has occurred in the money market, & in business generally. I observe one favorable symptom however — that labour on public & private buildings is no where suspended. I have not seen our Superintendent Mr Broadford, & Mr Gordon tells me that he has seen him but twice since his appointment.

The Machinery at the Mint is in fine order, & in one month after we shall be all assembled, & at our posts, I think we might begin to work. As soon as I shall have settled my children, I shall take up my abode at the Mint. There is a man who was formerly in the Custom House, now taking care of the premises. He was placed there by Mr Gordon.

I remain very respectfully
Your Ob't Sv't
Wm P. Ford

There go the night as hot as the day.

(Use the right as the Central place)

New Orleans 12th Septr 1837.

My Dear Sir,

I had the honor of writing you under date 30th ultimo, and advised you of my having drawn a Bill on you for the freight of Sundry articles of Machinery, &c. &c. shipped on board the Ships John Sargent and Caledon, for the use of the Branch Mint in this City: I also advised you of the arrival of Dr. Ord and his departure for his residence in Opelousas: he did not however leave the City so soon as he had intended, but remained here for 5 or 6 days after the date of my letter.

It is more than probable that Dr. Ord will not return to this City before the first of Novr; this will, however, depend on the state of the Fever, which I regret to inform you has increased to an alarming extent since the date of my last; it now prevails amongst us, as an Epidemic: its character has changed within the last Ten or Eleven days, and assumed a much greater degree of Virulence, not yielding readily to Medicine, as a Consequence many more fall a Victim to this scourge of our City: it may be said, with much truth, that it would be extremely dangerous for Strangers to come to our City at present, and for Mercy's Sake caution your friends against the great danger of coming amongst us before the Fever has subsided, and our City purified.

This unfortunate State of things, with reference to the health of our City, will, as a matter of course detain the Officers and Men intended for the Atlantic much longer in Phila: they [illegible] is to be regretted – but it cannot be avoided; I will advise you when it may be safe to send the Officers and Men out; till then believe me to be

truly your friend
Martin Gordon Sam

To Doctr R.M. Patterson
Director &c.

the Brig William Henry from Philadelphia, having
on board four Casks of Acids, for the use of the
Mint, has just arrived. They will be received and
deposited in the Mint.

What has become of the Draper? before
his departure, he promised to return, one or about
the first of August, but I have heard nothing
from him since.

Cally

Mint of the United States
Sept. 20th, 1847

Mr. Sandusky

Your letter of the 31st ult., with bills charges for freight &c. of John Sergeant and Archer, was duly received, and your draft for the amount has been duly honored.

I am now able to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th inst., confirming our most apprehensions in the subject of the epidemic unhappily prevailing at New Orleans. I have communicated your warning to the Officers and men now here, and we can not retire from this place until you shall pronounce it safe.

I can tell you nothing of Mr. Pfeiffer's intentions as to his return. He visited Philadelphia soon after he left you, and had his accounts settled; and I have seen nothing of him since. His family, as you are aware, resides in Natchez, at present, at least a portion of the time.

Most respectfully Yours
Yours &c
R. M. Patterson
Director

To
Jos. Sandusky Esq.
Coins. Br. Mint
New Orleans.

Bbl # 68.95
Stan — 3.44
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PHILADELPHIA, Sept 24th 1853

Wm Watson

Mint of the U. S.
Oct. 5th, 1837.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 30th inst. with the accompanying documents, in the subject of the claim of Dr. Foot.

It is true that when the Officers of the Branch Mints were first appointed I considered the clause of the 3d Sect. of the Act of March 3d 1835 requiring them to take their oath of office "before some judge of the United States" as in force, and gave them instructions accordingly. A formal opinion given by the District Attorney at New Orleans led me afterwards to take a different view of the subject, and to consider that, as virtually Officers of the Mint, they were included under the 5th Sect. of the Act of Jan. 18, 1837, and might take their oath "before any court of record of any State."

So far, then, as my first instructions delayed Dr. Foot from entering legally upon office, his case is analogous to that of Dr. Farnum's, already decided by you; and, as the salaries of the New Orleans Mint Officers are very low,

I should hope that he might obtain the relief for which he asks. I feel it my duty, however, to state, that, in case the point of Dr. Hunt's case does not prove to strong a claim as Dr. Farnum's. He [illegible] his salary, only from the time that he actually put himself under my orders, signed his passport, and set out for Philadelphia in compliance with my instructions. I wrote to Dr. Hunt, announcing his appointment, on the 6th of March, as the first letter I received from him was dated at New Orleans the 23th of April. He has told me, however, that he had written my first letter — that to this one was never came to hand. Dr. Hunt did not leave New Orleans 'till after the 2d of May, and did not reach here 'till the 13th of June.

While with us, he showed a great degree of assiduity and talent, and I have no doubt that he will make an excellent officer. I should be glad, therefore, if his claim could be allowed.

I am
Very Respectfully
Your Ob't Serv't
R. McP.

To
Hon. Levi Woodbury
Sec'y of Treas'y.

New Orleans nov 7th 1837.

Sir,

I received yesterday your favor of the 30th ult, and proceeded immediately to ascertain the facts, subject of your enquiries. Your letter was communicated by me to Gen Gordon who coincided with me in the opinion that your estimate is a very liberal one for the first year and capable of covering all expenses for that time. Mr Bradford being absent I have forwarded to him your letter and estimate.

Gen Gordon writes to you by this mail, and will probably engage you, as I do, to send your officers and men as soon as convenient, the health of the city being good.

Very respectfully
your faithful servant.

Edm. Forstall
Treasurer of the Branch Mint

R. M. Patterson Esq
Director Mint
of the United States

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Dated at Philadelphia, the Tenth day of October 1837

for the Captain
James L. Powell

New Orleans 7th Novr 1837

My Dear Sir

I have this day drawn on you, at Sight, in favor of the Cashier of the Union Bank of Louisa, for the Sum of Two Hundred and Nineteen Dollars Three Cents, being the amount of freight on Sundry articles shipped by different Vessels, for the use of the Branch of the Mint of the United States in this City: The Bills Lading and Vouchers for this expenditure, I have, this day transmitted by the ordinary mail: you will be pleased to honor the Bill, and Charge it to its proper account - On the reverse hereof you will find a statement of the different items, making the amount, corresponding with the Bill drawn on you.

Mr Hoffman, the Treasurer of the Mint, exhibited to me to day, a Letter addressed to him upon the subject of the appropriations necessary for the next year, upon looking over the Items, nothing appears to me to have been omitted, and I think the amount adequate to cover all the expenses of the establishment here, for the approaching year,

You may with perfect Safety, after the receipt hereof, send out the officers and Men of the Mint; The fever has nearly disappeared from our City - altho' we have had no frost, yet the Weather at intervals has been sufficiently cold as to destroy its effects on strangers - We may, however, look forward soon for a frost which will again restore our City to its usual healthiness

I have not heard a word from the Superintendent for several months past, but I presume he may be daily expected in the City - On his arrival I shall urge the necessity of

getting the Mint into immediate operation, or with as little delay as possible.

With great respect and Esteem
believe me to be
truly your friend
Martin Gordon Stu

Paid freight for Ship Chester from Calcutta 72.39
51.34 $123.73
" " Ohio 8.09
" " Barge Gyles 24.15
" " Barge Abby. Baltimore 41.06
Paid Watching for Barges at sundry times 13.
Paid postage. * no Voucher for this item 2.
$212.03.

* postage on 5 letters with Bills Lading 1.25
" on other letter by the Express Mail .75
$2.00

To
Robt. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Mint of the United States.
New 10th, 1837.

Sir,

In consequence of the advanced state period of the season, it is to be presumed that by the time you may receive this communication you can get to New Orleans all danger from the epidemic that has been prevailing there will be over. I have, therefore, to request that you will take immediate measures for your departure and that of your men, so as to leave her at the earliest possible time.

R. M. P.
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To/ Rufus Tyler, Esq.
Coiner of the New Orleans Branch Mint

To/ James Maxwell Esq.
Melter & Refiner of the
New Orleans Branch Mint

Mail of the U. S.
Nov. 22d, 1839.

Dear Sir,

The hands for the New Orleans Mail left here the day before yesterday, in the Pomona. As I am not sure that the Superintendent is ~~with you~~, in the city, I take the liberty of commending them to your attentions. They will need your good advice, and probably some advance of wages, which count from the day of their leaving here.

Mr. Maxwell, the Mail Agent, left here, on the same day, at 7 o'c in the morning having been detained at 6.— He has a letter to you, and the young couple merit and will claim your kind attentions.

Mr. Tyler, the Crier, is to leave here the day after tomorrow. By the Ships proceed by land as the mail route.

Your ~~draft~~ letter of the 7th inst. and vouchers have been received. But the draft is not yet procured.

Very respectfully

Faithfully Yours

P. M. P. J.

To
Jno. Martin Gardner.

Mont U.S.
Nov. 24, 1837

Sir,

Although I deem it highly improbable that you can still be at St. Francisville, I have thought it prudent to write this letter to ascertain, if you have not yet gone to Natchitoches, that you will immediately do so, the Office and Men being left this place, and your person being absolutely necessary,

R. M. P.
Lt.

To
David Bradford Esq
Sup. Br. Mont Off
Natchitoches

Boston Dec 4. 1838

R. M. Patterson Esq.

Dr Sir. We wrote you July 6. 1837 relative to our acct for publishing Prof. for building the U. S. Branch Mint at N Orleans, you informed us by letter dated July 20th that you had written Gen Gordon the Commissioner on the subject, who would attend to our claim immediately — since which we have not heard a word relating to it — as our demand is a just one we are desirous of having it paid — will you please inform us if you have rec'd any reply to your letter to Gen Gordon, if not what course you would recommend us to pursue in order to obtain our demand —

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servts
Deals & Greene, Propr.
of Boston Morning Post.

Mint
Dec. 13th, 1837.

Sir,

When Mr. Tyler left Philadelphia it became necessary for him to raise some funds in anticipation of his salary, and our Chief Coiner, Mr. Adam Eckfeldt, advanced him $700, on the order which I send you inclosed. I pray you, when the day shall arrive, to withhold the amount from the salary payable to Mr. Tyler, and inclose to me, for Mr. Eckfeldt, the three hundred dollars called for in the draft. I presume you will be able to give Sterling Bills.

I am very respectfully,
Your faithful servant
R. M. Patterson,
Director

To
Edmund Forstall, Esq.
Treasurer of Branch Mint
New Orleans.

U S B Mint New Orleans Dec. 18th 1837

Sir,

On the 17th ult. I answered your letter of the 20th October which was forwarded me by Mr Forstall. I sent my answer to a friend in this place to be put in the Express Mail as I had successfully done repeatedly before, but it did not reach till since my arrival in this place. I arrived here on the 7th inst. and found Dr Hort in the Mint: a few days after Mssrs Maxwell and Tyler and the workmen in the Drums all arrived safe The Officers and men all here, well and actively occupied in completing the arrangements for putting this Branch into operation, which I am sorry to say will not be as soon as you may expect from the circumstances that the Engine has been put up Down but out of place and in order to give room for the work to be done, part of a Wall and a Vault has to be taken down and I am much rejoiced to find that the requisite space can be obtained as Mr Tyler was much disturbed at finding the mistake, but Mr Gordon and he have successfully surmounted the difficulty, Mr Tyler expected to find the foundation for his furnaces even with the floor of the principal Story and well settled &c but it is only even with that of the basement and, in Consequence of the mistake in placing the Engine, out of position

It will be some time before we can fix the day for Commencing, before which I hope to receive from you any instructions and shall be happy to have you present here.

Very respectfully
Yr. obt. Sert.
David Bradford
Superintendent.

R. M. Patterson
Director
Mint
Phila.

Branch Mint New Orleans.
December 30th. 1837.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the U.S. Mint

Sir

I arrived here on the 20th. inst. and Mr. Tyler and the workmen on the following day all in good health & spirits. We were agreeably disappointed in N. Orleans and pleased with the location of the Mint. On examining the interior of the building we found a few things objectionable: by some miscalculation the Engine and machinery had been placed too much to the right of the rolling-room & the foundation of the Annealing Furnace if carried up would have brought the furnace so near the machinery as to interfere with the Operation of rolling.— but by removing the foundation a few feet to the right and taking down part of the vault intended for the Melter & Refiner, the difficulty is overcome, although the Space at present is not more than sufficient to work to advantage. This change I regret to say, will put us back at least three weeks. That part of the building corresponding to the melting, Separating & Assay rooms, if I am not much mistaken was intended for the dwelling of the Superintendant: but they are finishing it in the same way that those rooms are finished, making flues for furnaces, laying the floors with flags and in all respects like to them:

I question this, that if there is a mistake on the part of the Commissioner the work has not progressed so far but that a change could be made without much expense to answer the purpose for which I suppose it was intended: Much of the work has been badly done, the flags in my furnace room I had to have re-dressed & the mortar removed from the crevices and filled with cement. We received the Machinery Castings &c in good Order, but Mr Sellers has neglected to send the doors for the Separating furnace & Dr Hoes Rolls have not been received. Mr Peals friend in Baltimore sent four broken & 2 sound Separating jars, a thing I can not understand: We are much pleased with our Superintendant but have seldom been favoured with his presence. Our Treasurer is the counterpart of Gov. Findlay except that he is French: I am fearful that a judicious appointment of clerks will not be made — the two individuals spoken of, One by Mr Superintendant, the other by the Treasurer being men not bearing the most unexceptionable characters. Gn Gordon requested me to say to you that he considered them unfit for the situations. Mr Tyler & myself being much interested in the appointment of the weighers & Teller would most respectfully request your advice to the Treasurer with regard to it, being well convinced that he knows little of the importance of that situation. Gen Gordon has kindly advanced the pay of the workmen up to this day, not having received any funds from Washington & their wants being very great: The condition of the Banks in this city is about to be investigated by the Legislature & is thought to be very good, possessing in the aggregate about $ of specie. I have sent Mr Eckfeldt a draft for $150 which he will please to credit on my note. My respects to all the Officers:

I Am Sir your most Obt Hum Servt
Hamet Maxwell

P.S. Your letter to the Treas enclosing Mr Tyler's draft was received, but it is very uncertain when we shall receive funds from Washington

Treasury Department
February 26. 1838.

Sir,

Your several communications, dated the 22d. instant have been received and a draft for $910 will be transmitted to you as soon as the warrant can be prepared that the necessary forms. The requisition alluded to by Mr. Nesbitt was received here on the 27th. ult. and a draft for $10 000 was transmitted to him on the 28th.

I will thank you to correspond with the Superintendant of the Branch at N. Orleans and ascertain what is the smallest sum, which will be required there for the purchase of Bullion and whether it had been supplied to the Branch or remain on deposit at the Mint to redeem the Branch Mint certificates as may be required.

I remain very respy
Your Obdt. Servt
Levi Woodbury
Sec. of the Treasy

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Philada.

Mint U. S.
Feb. 24th, 1858

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22d inst., with a copy of a letter from the Superintendent of the Branch Mint at Dahlonega. This letter gives me the first information of the illness of Asst. Bradford, and thus serves in some measure to explain the darkness in which I have been so long left as to the proceedings of the Dahlonega Mint.

I find from your letter and from one which I received yesterday from Asst. Eastabrook and of which I send you a copy, that he has allowed the Branch Mint to become very much embarrassed for the want of funds, having delayed an application to you too long. I am glad that the remedy of drawing upon Gen. Gordon, on the credit of a draft on me, has not been resorted to, as his draft must have been again protested. As to the former draft, although I wrote to Gen. Gordon, by express mail, on the 19th inst., I have not yet received any advice, and it is accord

Post Office
New Orleans
Jany 6th 1838

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that I have received from the Bank of the United States at New Orleans a draft for $10,000 in favor of the Treasurer of the United States, which I have endorsed to the Treasurer of the Mint at New Orleans, and which I have delivered to the Cashier of the Mint, to be presented for payment at the Bank of the United States at New Orleans.

I have also received from the Bank of the United States at New Orleans a draft for $20,000 in favor of the Treasurer of the United States, which I have endorsed to the Treasurer of the Mint at New Orleans, and which I have delivered to the Cashier of the Mint, to be presented for payment at the Bank of the United States at New Orleans.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your obedient servant
R. M. T. Hunter

To
Hon. Levi Woodbury
Sec. of Treasury

Post Office
New Orleans
Jany 6th 1838

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your obedient servant
R. M. T. Hunter

To
Hon. Levi Woodbury
Sec. of Treasury

Mint U. S.

Feb. 24/38.

Sir,

I have duly received your letter of the 13th inst., and will pay your draft for $710, according to its tenor, though I regret that circumstances should have rendered the course you have taken necessary. — I have written to the Secretary of the Treasury, for his warrant for the amount.

I regret to learn of the illness of Mr. Bradford, which I presume accounts for the ignorance in which I have been left as to the proceedings of your Mint.

I have ordered dies for you, which will soon be forwarded.

I expect daily the arrival, at Charlotte, of your screws for weighing.

I have not yet got hand from Mr. Gordon on the subject of his draft, though I wrote to him, by express mail, on the 19th ult. The draft was kept back, at my request, like three days since, to await the answer to my letter.

To Edmund Fontaine Esq.
Treasurer U. S. Branch Mint
Dahlonega Geo.

R. M. P.

Mint N. L.

Feb. 24 — 38

Sir,

I send you herewith a copy of a letter from the Treasurer of the N. Orleans Branch Mint, announcing a draft on me for $710, to make a payment which belongs to his department, but for which he had failed to make provision in time. I regret this irregularity, but under the circumstances explained in the letter, it must necessarily be submitted to. To enable me to make the payment and yet retain sufficient money to pay another N. Orleans bill for which I am responsible, I beg leave to take the liberty of asking your warrant in my favour for the amount of the draft.

I am, Sir,
Your obt. Servt.
R. M. Patterson,
Dr

Hon. Levi Woodbury,
Sec. of Treasury

U S B Mint New Orleans
February 24th 1838.

Sir,

I have the pleasure of informing you that I arrived here yesterday after being unexpectedly but unavoidably absent upwards of two weeks longer than I had fixed for my return, owing to some indisposition of one of my Children and some very urgent arrangements I had to make in my private affairs. I found your letters of the 13th & 14th ult. received. I have the pleasure I think now of assuring you that I will have nothing to call me off from my duties and that you will hear from me as frequently as any thing interesting occurs

I have much relief at finding that in my absence the other officers of this institution have informed you fully in answer to your letter of the 13th inst.

I will have the pleasure of writing you tomorrow further than at present as the mail is about closing and I must Conclude

Your Humble Servt.

David Bradford
Superintendent

To
Dr R M Patterson
Director Mint
Philad.

Mint U.S.
Feb. 21 — 38.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that you will issue your warrant in my favor for Seven hundred and ten dollars, on account of the New Orleans Branch Mint. The money being wanted to answer a draft on me, from the Trustees of that Mint, to pay the Mulers employed in putting up the furnaces, &c., may be taken either from the appropriation for the Building & Machinery &c for permanent establishment with pistons not included in the contracts.

R. M. P.

Hon. Levi Woodbury
Sec of Treasury

Treasury Department
February 20th 1838.

Sir,

I transmit for your examination, a copy of a letter received from the Treasurer of the Branch Mint at N. Orleans.

The Department is willing to place $10 or 20.000 at the Branch in New Orleans if you deem it advisable - either out of the funds now in the Mint at Philad.a or in the hands of the Collector at N. Orleans.

I remain very Resp.y
Your Obed.t Serv.t
Levi Woodbury
Sec.y of the Treas.y

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Philad.a

Mint U. S.
Phila. Feb. 21, 1837.

Dear Sir,

~~I am just~~ I received yesterday your letter of the 10th inst., and I have written to Gen Gordon, by this mail, to beg him to make to you the necessary advances, until some more regular and permanent arrangement can be made.

My reason for not having placed funds at New Orleans, and made provision for your payments, was that no officer for the Mint that is yet appointed, in whose hands the business could be properly placed.

Our river is still closed with ice. As soon as it is open, I presume that the rolling machine will be provided from Mr. Baldwin's, and I will give you due notice of the time to the public.

Yours

R. M. Patterson Dirt

To
James Hope, Esq.
Engineer, New Orleans.

Branch Mint New Orleans

For additional salary of Treasurer who shall perform the duties of Superintendent — $1000—

For Salary of Assayer — $2,000

For Salary of the Coiner who shall perform the duties of Melter & Refiner — $2,000

For Salaries of One Clerk — $1800

For Wages of Workmen, Repairs + Incidental Expenses in addition to what can be appropriated for the same out of Coin'd Means — $15,000

Branch Mint at Charlotte

For Salary of Assayer — $2000

For Salary of Assistant to Assayer & Keeper — 1,500

Wages of Workmen & Incidentals

Expenses in addition to what can be appropriated for the same out of Coin'd Means — 6,000

U S B Mint New Orleans May 3rd 1838.

Sir,

Your letters of the 9th 11th and 16th inst have been received and are now before me. The half-Dollar, Dime and half dime dies have arrived safe and in good order. The Box and Bale by the Tuppanooly were also received last week and the Contents of each found in good order. The balances will be adjusted in a few days by Mr Tyler. Your instructions for the test of the Assays at this Branch shall be strictly complyed with. It was particularly satisfactory to Mr Maxwell as well as to Mr Tyler and myself to find you had made such an arrangement. The Treasurer will reserve the pieces agreeably to your instructions.

I am exceedingly sorry to have to report to you that since my report of the 5th ult. nothing has been done in completing the enclosure of this Branch or at putting up the ballusters on the piazzas in the new wing or at making the gates for the intrieur passages of the building.

The blacksmith who put up the ballusters in the wing that was built first, Mr Dana, done it by special contract with Mr Gordon, and is sub Contractor for putting up the iron fence round the lot. He says Mr Gordon has not paid him for what he has done; and the understanding now is that nothing more will be done at the fence or the piazzas till payment is made for the extra work already done. Mr Gordon told me more than a month ago that there was a sum of sixty thousand dollars at least of the appropriation for this building unexpended and that he would write on to you to know the State of the funds and pay Mr Dana for the work

already done, but it seems Mr. Dana is not yet paid and I am assured by him that he will not put up the iron balusters that are now ready made at his shop till he is paid for those he has put up more than six months ago. On the 19th ult. I wrote to the Hon. the Secy of the Treasury of the U.S. requesting him to issue a Warrant in your favor for $2000, to pay for the articles I had requested you in my letter of the 28th March to procure for the Mint & Offices of this Branch and also for the large Lathe, the balance on which Mr. Dyer in way of opinion would amount to $1000 and also requested to be informed of the amount of the unexpended balances in the appropriations for this Branch: having been to my great surprise informed by a letter from the Secy of the 14th of March that the balance remaining of the appropriation for Compensation to Labourers is only $244.78.

I have the pleasure of enclosing the Report of the Treasurer of this Branch shewing the Amount of bullion deposited in this institution during the last Month viz: Gold $5,694.16, Silver $83.141.44.

I have the honour to be very respectfully
Your Humble Servant
David Bradford
Superintendent

U S B Mint New Orleans May 5th 1838.

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that I have by this mail transmitted to the hon. the Sec'y of the Treasury of the U. S. a package containing small assay pieces taken from the Ingots that have been made here and reported by the Assayer of this Branch of standard quality; also a number of assay pieces taken from the Bars deposited here for coinage, requesting him to forward it to you under his frank.

The assay pieces have been taken both from the Ingots and Mexican Bars from the same ends and adjoining the clippings taken by the Assayer of this Branch and will serve to test the accuracy of the assays made here, of which, I must in great confidence say to you, Mr Maxwell, Mr Tyler and myself have entertained some doubts which we hope and I am almost sure will by the re-assay at the Mint be removed. The fact is the Assayer has reported as I am informed by the Melter from the same melt a difference of three millièmes. I got the Assayer to assay some pure silver to test his acids and solutions which he did in my presence and they proved correct. I therefore confidently expect the re-assays will confirm his accuracy.

The foregoing list contains the numbers of the pieces and the quality as per the assay at this Branch. It would be as well I would respectfully suggest that the Assayer of the Mint be not informed of even the approximate quality before re-assaying them.

Very Respectfully
Your Obdnt Servant
David Bradford
Superintendent

Dr R. M. Patterson
Director of the
Mint Philad.

From/ David Bradford Esq
Supt. Br. Mint
New Orleans.
May 5/38.
Rec'd 19th.

Hon. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

2 oz. 15 dwt. 18 gr.

No.	Angels qual. 898.6	Deposites. No.	Silver		Gold		No.	Silver		Gold	
2	" 897.8	17	"	951	"	13.	113	"	955	"	4.5
3	" 901.3	18	"	962	"	17.	114	"	971.5	"	Not Reported
4	" 899.	19	"	953	"	9.	115	"	950	"	4.5
5	" 898.4	20	"	967	"	5.	116	"	974	"	9.
6	" 900.	21	"	940	"	17.	117	"	932	"	75.5
7	" 901.3	22	"	970	"	12.5	118	"	945	"	10.
8	" 899.	23	"	806	"	141.	119	"	961	"	6.
9	" 900.4	24	"	959	"	29.	52	"	930	"	75.
10	" 900.4	25	"	738	"	244.	57	"	923	"	75.
11	" 900.	26	"	933	"	56.	52	"	999		
12	" 900.	27	"	945	"	12.5	53	"	999		
13	" 900.4	28	"	936	"	53.	54	"	984	"	14.
14	" 901.3	29	"	949	"	18.5	55	"	998	"	Not Reported
15	" 899.	30	"	985	"	13.	56	"	990	"	8.
		31	"	972	"	12.5	57	"	984	"	14.
		32	"	982	"	5.5	58			"	887.
		33	"	977	"	13.5	59			"	590.
		34	"	967	"	5.					
		35	"	957.3	"	5.5					
		36	"	937.	"	75.					
		37	"	959.	"	9.5					
		38	"	975.	"	11					
		39	"	983.	"	5.					
		40	"	937.	"	35.					
		41	"	992.		5.					

A. I. is an exception to the general rule, which has no bright mate to reflect under 998. in about 1002.

U. S. Mint
New Orleans
May 5. 1838.
David Bradford
Superintendent

Bill of lading 30 plates Spelter — by Brig Soma, Capt. E. H. Hall — May 1, 1838 — to New Orleans Mint

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U.S. Mint, May 5/38.

Sir, I send above a bill of lading of 30 plates of Spelter, amounting to about 500 lbs, procured, at your request, per Mr. Maxwell

I rec'd, this morn'g, from the Treas. Dep., a ~~draft~~ for $3000, which, though the fact is not ~~mentioned~~ stated, I presume to be that referred to in your letter of the 20th ult., and which will accordingly be placed to your Credit.

A set of forms and instructions ~~to~~ for your accounts and returns (prepared, & will be sent as early as possible.

R. M. P

Daniel Bradford Esq
Supt. Br. Mint
N. Orleans

Treasury of the United States,

May 22 1838.

Sir:

Enclosed you will receive a Treasury Draft made payable to your order, together with a descriptive list of the same, combined with a receipt therefor, which you will please to sign and return to this office, by return of mail.

I am, respectfully,

Sir, your obedient servant,

John Campbell,

Treasurer of the United States.

Robert M. Patterson Esq

Draft on Mint for $3000,—

for N. Orleans Branch

Account of Gold Bullion received from Depositors at the Branch Mint at New Orleans

When received		By whom Deposited	Description of Bullion	Gross Weight Ounces	Dwts	Standard Ounces	Dwts Grains	Value in Cents of the Net Ozs	Amount to pay the Depositor after deducting the Charges	When paid	Charges on Returns Packages &c	Net Proceeds Cents
1838												
April	2	1 P. Grenier & Co	40 Pieces Georgia Gold	11	17 5	10	17 3	192 98	192 91			
	10	2 J. M. Dagnac & Co	Extract from Silver	.	.	93	9 9	1749 16	1749 92		3	24
	12	3 M. de Lizardi & Co	Extract from Silver	.	.	42	15 7	822 34	822 72		1	12
	20	4 Vicente Galvez	Gold from Santa Ahuma	120	37	111	13 2	2207 10	2207 10		.	.
	20	10 Jose Rivero	ditto	35	5 5	35	1 4 4	672 44	672 44		.	.
				187	99 5	333	25 5	5099 32	5094 10		4	22

New Orleans 30th April 1838

Edm Forstall
Treas of Br. Mint

Account of Silver Bullion received from Depositors at the Branch Mint at New Orleans

When received		By whom Deposited	Description of Bullion	Gross Weight Ounces	Dwts	Standard Ounces	Dwts Grains	Value in Cents of the Net Ozs	Amount to pay the Depositor after deducting the Charges	When paid	Charges on Returns Packages &c	Net Proceeds Cents
1838												
April	10	1 Horace Dean & Co	Collyard	88	15	87	40	1081 70	1081 70		.	.
	10	2 J. W. Packard & Co	12 Bars	11447	35	12273	20	14281 82	13960 24		321	58
	10	3 H. W. Pendergast	Mexican Collyard	567	.	564	48	6551 88	6566 88		.	.
	10	4 T. Hale	Collyard & Cakes	4141	10	4403	44	5125 10	5115 90		9	20
	12	5 M. de Lizardi & Co	47 Bars & 3 Cakes	40116	20	44473	24	51754 12	51472 32		281	80
	24	11 A. C. Bradall	48 Cakes	1256	80	1336	87	1592 42	1588 32		4	10
	27	12 S. Robert & Co	3 Cakes	290	25	310	10	3552 .	3501		1	52
	27	13 Louisiana State Bank	Specie & Uncirculated Coin	6461	70	7588	57	8127 90	8127 90		.	.
	27	14 James Hellman	Old Silver	454	.	385	41	4409 64	4409 64		.	.
				16823	55	71449	75	83141 44	82523 96		616	48

New Orleans 30th April 1838

Edm: Forstall
Treas of the Br. Mint.

Mint U.S.
April 30/58

Sir,

I send you, with the present mail, another set of dies for the Branch Mint at Charlotte, which I beg you to forward under your frank at your leisure.

Respectfully,

R. M. P.

Hon. Howell Cobb
Sec. of Treas.

U. S. B. Mint, New Orleans
April 20th 1838.

Dear Sir,

I have great pleasure in acknowledging the receipt of your letters of the 28th ult, with Bill of lading, the 7th and 11th inst.

Mr. Tyler is in great need of a large Lathe which he expects is finished by this time and to pay for it as well as the articles for Mr. Maxwell I have requested the Sec.y of the Treas.y to issue a warrant in your favor for three thousand Dollars, by this days Express Mail.

Mr. Maxwell desires me to request you to send him some wine as that which he has got here he finds Contains sulphur.

I have to request that you send me the Forms of warrants from me to the Treasurer of this Branch, and from the Melter & Refiner and also from the Coiner, as none have came on with the Books and forms of Certificates for the treasurer, along with the Code of Instruction which you have promised me.

I am gratified to hear that you Contemplate visiting this place next month and hope nothing may intervene to disappoint my anxious wishes that you may do so, as I am sure you will thereby promote the public service. It will be the most healthy season and delightful traveling and I hope you will find the South agreeable. We will try and give you a Cordial reception and make your stay with us, at this Branch, and in this City, Comfortable and contented. Accept my thanks for your friendly congratulations to me on having my family here. Mr. Tyler has became a member of it and I only wish I could have you with us for as much time as you can spare.

I have to request that you accept assurances
of my profound respect and Esteem

David Bradford
Supt.

To

Dr R. M. Patterson
Director
Mint
Phila

SHIPPED *in good order and condition* by Peter Ehrman
in and upon the Brig called the J. Palmer whereof
C. P. Marshman is master, for this present voyage, and now lying in
the port of Philadelphia, and bound for New Orleans,

Sold by J. G. Auner, No. 321 Market Street, Philada.

One Pipe Ash Bbl
Containing Crucibles

Branch Mint U.S.
New Orleans

Being marked and numbered as in the margin; to be delivered in the like good order and condition, at the aforesaid port of New Orleans, (the danger of the seas only excepted) unto Branch Mint U.S. or to Assigns, he or they paying freight for the said Goods, at the rate of

One dollar & fifty cents

with Primage and Average accustomed. In testimony whereof, the Master or Purser of the said hath affirmed to four Bills of lading, all of this Tenor and Date; one of which being accomplished, the others to stand void.

Dated at Philadelphia, the 19 day of April 1838

C. P. Marshman

Mint of the United States,
April 20. 1838.

Sir,

I send enclosed a bill of lading of a barrel of dispatches for Mr. Maxwell. — Mr. Tyler's cattle was not quite ready to send by this vessel, but will be shipped by the next, which is expected to sail on Wednesday next. By that vessel we shall also send a set of adjusting balances.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful Servant,
(Signed) R. M. Patterson
Director.

To/
Harold Bradford, Esq.
Supt. Br. Mint
New Orleans.

Mint U. S.

April 16th, 1838

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 6th inst. containing the report of the proceedings of your Visit for the Month of March. I am glad to learn from it that your building and all the arrangements for full operations are so near their completion.

Three boxes of dies, each containing two pairs, have been already forwarded to you, under the frank of the Secretary of the Treasury.

The adjusting balance and the weights are finished, ~~and the weights for them are contracted~~ for however and will be sent immediately.

The great lathe for Mr. Taylor is also finished, and was ordered to be brought up for transportation last week.

For the test of your assays, at this Mint, you will please to observe the following instructions for the present.

From each melt of ingots delivered to you by the Mint & Refiner, you will take, small assay pieces, rolled out

flat, and numbered to correspond with the number of the melt, and these pieces you will forward to me by mail. Coins may then be made from these ingots, but these coins must not be issued, until a report be received from this Mint upon the quality of the metal. For a time, this proportion seems to be proper, and must be equally satisfactory to you and to us.

You will please to instruct the Treasurer to return, (under the condition of ~~the~~ Sect. 27 of the Mint Act of Jan. 18, 1837,) for the annual assay at this Mint, ~~two pieces~~ one piece from the deliveries made to him, from time to time, by the Coiner, one piece of gold coin out of every thousand, and one of silver coin out of every ten thousand, ~~that~~ of each ~~of~~ coin denomination, — adhering to this proportion as nearly as shall be found convenient and practicable. These pieces will be carefully labelled and kept in a box ~~for~~ made for the purpose, until they shall be required by this Mint.

I recommend you, by all means, to have lightning rods attached to your building, as suggested by the Officers.

I have to inform Mr. Fontaine that his remittance of one hundred and fifty dollars, for the mint of Mr James has been duly received.

R. M. Patterson
Director

To
David Bradford, Esq.
Supt. Br. Mint
New Orleans.

Treasury Department
April 12. 1838.

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 9th inst. of the dies intended for the Branch Mint at N. Orleans - they shall be immediately forwarded to Mr. Bradford the Superintendant.

I remain very Respy
Your Obdt. Servt
Levi Woodbury
Sec. of the Treasury

R. D. M. Patterson
Philada

Mint of the United States.
April 11th, 1838.

Sir,

I wrote to you, on the 9th, by the Ordinary mail, to state that I had that day sent a set of dies for your Mint, to the Secretary of the Treasury, with a request that he would forward them to you under his frank. They were half-dollar dies. To day I send, in like manner, two pair of dime dies; & these remittances will be continued till your supply is complete. One pair of each set is ground down ready for the lathe. But I have given all the requisite information in my letter of the 9th.

Very respectfully
Your faithful Servant,
(Signed) R. M. Patterson
Director.

To
David Bradford, Esqr.
Supt. Br. Mint.
New Orleans.

Mint of the United States,
April 11. 1838.

Sir,

I send, by this mail, another set of dies for the New Orleans Mint, which I respectfully request that you will forward under your frank as before.

I have the honor to be,
Your obedient Servant
(Signed) R. M. Patterson,
Director

To
Hon Levi Woodbury,
Sec. of Treasury.

Mint of the United States
April 9th, 1838.

Sir,

I send you to day, through the Secretary of the Treasury, a box containing two pairs of dies, for striking dimes. By the next mails, you shall have the half dollar and half dime dies, which are also ready.

The dimes & half dimes have the false or plain border hubbed on them, & this practice will be continued in future. One pair of the half dollar dies, also has the false border hubbed on, but this will not be done hereafter, as it increases very much the difficulty of hubbing. This border must, therefore, as is now our practice, be turned in with the lathe, & the pair sent will indicate the depth &c. The faces of the half dollar dies are ground down to their proper depth for hardening; but this also will be discontinued, and you will grind them yourselves, to suit your own tastes for polishing. You will understand, of course, that these instructions are for Mr. Tyler.

Your dies are exactly like ours, except that the letter O is introduced as a distinctive mark.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful Servant,
(Signed) R. M. Patterson,
Director

To
Maniel Bradford, Esq:
Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

Mint of the United States.
April 9. 1838.

Sir.

I send you by this day's mail, a box containing dies for the Branch Mint at New Orleans, which I pray you to have forwarded, under your frank, without opening. The proper direction is given, under the envelope containing your address. The necessity of employing this mode of conveyance, will, I hope, be my sufficient apology for giving you this trouble.

I am, sir, most respectfully,
your faithful servant.

(Signed) R. M. Patterson,
Director.

To Hon. Levi Woodbury,
Sec. of the Treasury.

Mint U. S.
April 7th, 1838.

Sir,

I have duly received your letter of the 28th ult.

The order of Mr. Beaumont for materials for his department shall be immediately attended to. As ultimate that the cork mill be as follows.

Nitric acid, about 10,000 lbs.	$14,00.
One bbl. diffuse	9.
Four Hhds lead crucibles	120.
Four bbls. sand crucibles	72
	$1601.

To pay this and other accounts that may accrue, I will thank you to send me $2000, either in Treasury Notes or a Draft. It is my wish that for the future no drafts should be made on your appropriation except by or through yourself.

Your dies are nearly ready. I will send them by mail, through the Secretary of the Treasury.

I am truly glad to find that your family is with you at Natchez. Until this event, you could not feel at home at the Mint.

Under the new Mint Law you will see that Mr. Ladure might have taken his oath of office before the judge of any Court of Record, and need not await the return of the U.S. District Judge.

R. M. P.

To
David Bradford, Esq.
Supt. Br. Mint
New Orleans.

Statement of material already taken by Mr. Maxwell, for which additional orders are now sent, — the estimated cost of the additional orders, & the last years consumption of such articles here —

Materials sent	Additional orders	Used here in 1837
Nitric acid 1458 lbs whole cost here — $210.	Nitric acid about 10,000 lbs. will cost $1400.	Nitric acid 24,572 lbs — cost $2711.
1 barrel sulphuric (105) 9.	1 barrel sulphuric 140 ... 9	
2 hhds. tbls. lead moulds (60) 10*	4 hhds. Hard lead cast 120.	moulds as used cannot be ascertained.
2 tbls. sand moulds 36.	4 tbls. sand moulds 72.	
$315.	$1601.	

* Estimated - no bill here rendered

The orders after to be written down —

U S B Mint New Orleans April 5th 1838.

Dr R. M. Patterson,

Sir

Enclosed I transmit to you the check of the Merchants Bank of this place for $150. which you will please pay to the order of the following persons, viz. $50. to the wife of Mr Samuel McNamee, and $100. to Mr M. J. Gallagher, making one hundred and fifty Dollars & oblige

Your Hum. Servt.
Edm. Forstall

U. S. B. Mint. New Orleans April 5th 1838.

Sir

Agreeably to your letter of the 14th. February last I have the honor to report that the inclosure of this Branch is progressing rapidly to a close. The granite for the fence is laid, the holes for the iron palings are made & it about half way round the inclosure and about one fourth of the palings are put up, and look well, much better than I expected they would when I first saw them at the shop.

The building is complete, except that the granite steps of the double stairs in the principle story in the Centre building have to be taken up and replaced by longer ones and the railing added and in the new wing there are three flights of stairs to be put up, and the balusters on the piazzas, and the mantle pieces and grates also in the new wing.

Mr. Tyler reported to me in writing on the 3rd. inst. that in the Coining department the work of preparation has been regularly progressing as fast as could be reasonably expected. The annealing furnaces are far advanced towards completion, one of which will probably be ready in another week. The small coining press is so far perfected as to be ready for trial on the arrival of the dies. The Chimney stack has been completed and all the requisite furnaces for greasing, roasting, whitening &c. got ready for commencing. One of the rolling machines is completed and the other far advanced. The Steam engine has been refitted and the shafting and gearing put in order with driving drums &c. A partial trial has been made of the rolling machinery which though not quite as well executed as it should have been, particularly in the gear wheels will when properly corrected and adjusted perform very satisfactorily. The Draw Benches are nearly ready for use and will doubtless perform in a satisfactory manner in many respects. The Rolling Presses are presumed to be in excellent condition requiring only some

trifling adjustment and he expects to give them a trial immediately. The force pump is being erected and the hardening apparatus will probably be ready for use by the time the dies are ready for its operation upon them. In the course of the present week, he proposes striking some planchets of dimes and half dimes through the mill, by which time it is presumed the dies will have arrived.

Mr. Tyler adds that the happiest effects have resulted from the dismissal of Mr. Ashley and others for insubordination — that the small scales for adjusting gold and for weighing planchets not having arrived from Philad.a he shall be under the necessity of procuring a pair for immediate use in this City. Mr. Tyler states further that a large lathe contracted for in Philadelphia and which should have arrived ere this is very much wanted to facilitate the completion of the large press and for other purposes, and requests me to ask you when he may expect it to arrive here.

I have great satisfaction in saying that Dr. Hart and Mr. Maxwell have their departments in successful operation. The Doctor has suggested to me that it is a matter of high importance to have this Edifice secured by lightning rods from the danger to which it is exposed from the thunder storms so prevalent in this latitude. From a Conversation with Mr. Tyler & Capt. Luffy to find that I can best refer the propriety of the measure to you for your opinion and determination, which I do.

I have the honor also of enclosing the statement from Mr. Forstall, shewing the amounts and kinds of deposites received for Coinage at this Branch during the last month, amounting in the aggregate to seventy one thousand and sixty two Dollars, sixty three Cents.

I have the honor to be with profound respect
Your Humble Servant
David Bradford
Superintendent

Dr. The United States

For Wages of Labourers employed at the Mint from the 1st of April to the 30th of June 1829 inclusive; as paid in pursuance of Warrants of the Director of the marginal dates and numbers, viz.—

1829	No.									
July 31st	67	To Adam Eckfeldt	for one months Wages of Labourers employed in the Mint ending this day						1016	56
August 31st	71	"	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	1025	68
Septemr 30th	81	"	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	907	82
									2950	06

Treasury Department
March 31. 1838.

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 29th. instant.

If the Department is furnished with other means by Congress, drafts to a small amount only will probably be drawn on the Mint - but unless such means are furnished it will become necessary to draw on the Mint to the extent heretofore indicated - I have this day ordered the Collector at New Orleans to deposit $60.000 in the Branch Mint there to enable it to make prompt payment for bullion -

I remain very Respfy
Your Obed. Svt.
Levi Woodbury
Sec. of the Treasury

R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint,
Philada

Silver Bullion received from Depositors at the United States Branch Mint New Orleans

When rec'd	No. of deposits	By whom deposited	Description	Gross weight Oz.	dths	Standard Oz.	dths	Value per cent of the Rates	Value per lb.	Deductions for refining & alloy	Nett amt. payable to Depositors	Remarks
1858 March	1	M. De Lizardi & Co	24 Bars	21.208	25	21.334	12	24.82	54	87.23	23.953	11
"	2	J. Robert & Co	8 Bars	4.814	25	4.958	91	5.77	42	11.54	5.565	78
"	3	M. De Lizardi & Co	20 Cakes	1.112	50	1.155	77	1.34	37	7.31	1.327	45
"	4	Citizen	11 ditto	1.530	25	1.695	37	1.97	95	5.29	1.961	81
"	5	J. M. Zacharie & Co	11 Bars & 29 Pieces	13.173	35	13.667	57	15.90	33	56.17	15.333	78
				42.839	87	43.811	74	50.97	57	168.54	48.201	13

New Orleans 31st March 1858

Edm. Fondelly Treasurer

Gold Bullion received from Depositors at the United States Branch Mint New Orleans

When rec'd	No. of deposits	By whom deposited	Description	Gross weight Oz.	dths	Standard Oz.	dths	Value per cent of the Rates	Value per lb.	Deductions for refining & alloy	Nett amt. payable to Depositors	Remarks
1858 March	1	M. De Lizardi & Co	Extracted from 24 Bars Silver	.	.	4.958	25	5.76	88	16.79	5.742	09
"	2	J. Robert & Co	Amalgam from Mexico	71	85	82	310	1.17	24	.	1.172	24
"	3	Citizen	Extracted from 8 Bars Silver	.	.	37	210	43	20	1.29	41	91
"	13	A. Parker	Amalgam from Georgia	9	85	9	417	1.76	20	.	1.762	20
"	27	J. M. Zacharie & Co	Extracted from 11 Bars & 29 Pieces Silver	.	.	13.1	62	15.13	98	22.85	12.280	25
				81	70	1.26	115	22.811	32	41.52	22.771	80

New Orleans 31st March 1858

Edm. Fondelly

Treasurer

Mint of the United States.
March 29th, 1858.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th inst.

I think that we commit no justice a sound policy withheld from the Branch Mint at New Orleans a deposite for the purchase of bullion, such as has been given to all the other Mints, and I must therefore approve of the course suggested in your letter, of furnishing that Mint with Specie to the amount of from $50 to $75,000. At the same time I must enjoin upon you that any circumstance should occur to make necessary a further reduction of your deposite here. The Large amount of bullion beginning to come in upon us, and we constantly hear of more in prospect. A week ago we paid Mr. Norbold for $172,165.28 in gold and silver, of which $100,000 was for a deposite made on the very day of payment. He tells me in a letter received to-day, that he has from $150 to $200 thousand more to

depositor, furnished the amount come to hand, be immediately returned in half dollars. I am assured him that it could. But, if many such deposites are offered, and should happen to come together, a large pound would be required to keep up the system of prompt payments; — a system which I shall not abandon without disagreeable and mortifications.

R. M. P.

Hon. Levi Woodbury, Sec. of Treasury.

U. S. B. Mint, New Orleans
March 28th 1838

Sir,

I am Requested by Mr. Maxwell to ask you to have procured and sent on here for his department in this Branch the following articles, viz:

100 Carboys Nitric Acid
1 Barrel of dippers
4 Hogsheads of assorted black lead crucibles and
4 Barrels of assorted Sand Crucibles

Yesterday another deposit of gold and silver bullion was made in this Branch. Day after tomorrow I will forward you my Monthly Report. Mr. Tyler says he can commence Coining as soon as the dies arrive. We have had to borrow scales from the Gas light Bank (which had formerly belonged to the U. S. Branch Bank in this place) and weights, part from the same Bank and part from the Custom House. We are anxiously expecting the arrival of the Balances and weights mentioned in your letter of the 13th February last.

Mr. Gordon informed me two days ago that he had paid his draft, which you mention in your letter of 13th Feby to me, immediately on its return. Mr. Forstall had refunded him what he had advanced to pay the workmen as you will see by the copy of the Treasurers "Cash Book" which I sent you on the 5th inst.

On the 8th inst I made a Requisition on the Secy of the Treasy for $10000, out of the appropriation for paying the Officers and workmen and for furnishing the whole establishment, inclusive of all apparatus, tools and fixtures, not included in the Contracts, of this Mint, and on the 23rd inst, his very obliging and satisfactory answer arrived

enclosing a Draft on the Collector of this Port for $1000, but which will not be paid till the arrival of the letter of advice which I hope will be before the first of next month when we pay Officers and Men.

I left Erie on the 18th inst. and had the pleasure of returning with my wife and family on the 22nd having fortunately and very unexpectedly made a satisfactory arrangement and disposition of my Place and individual concerns generally, and have met with the most pleasing, hospitable and cordial reception from Mr. and Mr. M. Ewell and every kind attention from Mr. Tyler and Dr. Hart.

On the 12th inst. I appointed a young French gentleman Emile Lassere, a Clerk in this Branch, whom I have known most intimately since his boyhood, since 1815, who speaks the French Spanish and English Languages equally well, but on our Calling on the U.S. Dist. Judge he had that very hour left the City to hold Court in the Western District of the States and will not return before next month. when I will forward you his Oath of Office & Bond.

Yr. Hum. Svt.

Daniel Bradford
Superintendent

Treasury Department
March 29. 1838.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 23rd. instant with the papers which accompanied it.

The Department can now place in the Branch Mint at N. Orleans in specie, under the proper head of deposit from $50. to $5.000 if you should deem that course most advisable. But, in that event it may become necessary in the course of the Spring to draw on the Amount as much now at the Philadelphia Mint, to meet the urgent wants of the Government.

I will thank you for your advice on this point and if you approve of the course suggested I will order the Transfer to be made at N. Orleans forthwith.

I remain very Respy
Your Obed. Servt
Levi Woodbury
Secy. of the Treasy.

Dr. W.M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philada.

Mint H L

March 24 / 38

Sir,

In answer to a letter to the Board
of the Superintendent of the New Orleans
Branch Mint, written on the 28th ult, by
direction of the Secretary of the Treasury
the amount of the Bullion deposits for
the purchase of bullion, which would be
required at his Mint, he states—

"The Gordon No. I Copy from his
letter of March 8th inclosed J——— for ex gun."

I confess that I have no clear conception
of Gen Gordon's plan. If the Banks were
paying Specie, I can conceive that the
merchants might be contented to have their
deposites credited by ~~bank~~ checks on a
bank from the Treasury of the Mint but
surely this ~~would~~ could be the case now.
If such seems to be Gen Gordon's idea.
If it be intended, and you have Bank
funds to transfer to the New Orleans Board,
then cannot surely be any objection to
doing so. I agree with Gen Bronfort
that the sum his mint found for the pur-
chase of bullion ought not to be

less than $100,000, and that a good
a portion of it as possible ought to be
deposited there and not here.

Mr. Bradford says in his last letter
that all is ready at his mint except
the ordinary despatch; and that they are
forwarding that with all expedition.

Yours
R. M. P.

To
Hon. Louis McLane
Secy of Treasury

Mint U. S.

March 24th 1838.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th & 15th inst.

I am glad to find that you have such good prospects as to the supplies of bullion per carriage.

The report of the Treasury department is very gratifying; and I sincerely hope that all the departments will soon be in full operation. Your dies are in preparation & will be sent forward in good time.

The $710 which I drew from Washington to answer your draft on me in favor of Alex Barrett, has been used, in part, to settle his account for wages & expenses on his return from New Orleans. He was himself paid the $710 by your draft in Charleston. — It is not my intention to draw any more funds from Washington on account of your Mint. To have the balance, at Washington, or which you can draw, it will be necessary for you to apply to the Secretary of the Treasury.

I shall communicate to the Secretary your views as to the amount and nature of the deposits which you wish, in your Mint, for the purchase of bullion.

The general course to be pursued in conducting your Mint is pointed out in the Mint Law of Jan 18, 1837; as to the details, they have been communicated to the several officers who are with us here. But I will embody the whole into one code of instructions, and send it to you at an early day.

You are aware that you are agents, (though your Terms) to pursue the accounts of the Mint, with all the vouchers, to the Treasy Department, quarterly. Mr. Maxwell understands the exact course to be followed.

I am glad that you have arrived at a satisfactory arrangement with regard to your out-buildings.

Yr. Mo. Ob. Sv.

R. M. P.

Dr.

Dr. Daniel Bradford Esq
Supt. Mint of the
United States
Philadelphia

Mint U.S.

March 16, 1858

Sir,

I send enclosed, for your approbation, the Bond of Mr. Lewis Reed, as Clerk in the Branch Mint at New Orleans. His oath of office is also annexed.

I also send enclosed a [illegible] copy of a letter from Mr. Bradford, the Superintendent, which includes the representations necessary for forming a judgment as to the sufficiency of the bond, contains important information relative to the proceedings of the New Orleans Mint.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst.

R. M. P.
Jr

Hon. Lewis Woodbury,
Sec. of Treasury.

U S B Mint New Orleans
March 16th 1838

Sir

Your letter of the 28th ulto. (although marked "By Express Mail" but as the postage was not paid and only charged 2/100. I presume it came by the ordinary Mail) was received yesterday by Mr. Forstall to whom it was addressed and submitted to Mr. Maxwell and the other Officers and also to Mr. Gordon.

I had on the 8th inst. written the Secy of the Treasury that we had the day before received a deposit of Bullion and that I was asked by Lizardi & Co the Depositors if we could coin for them $300.000 by the 1st of June & that I was delighted at informing them could be done on their depositing the bullion

Mr. Gordon was of opinion that all that we wanted was a Credit in one of the Prosperity Banks of this City and not a Capital in Specie laying idle much of the time and he named the Union and Citizens Bank which I know possess the highest Confidence. He was of opinion any Bank here would be glad to accept the proposal to any amount even above a Million of Dollars. Now if such a Credit can be obtained for this Branch I am no doubt our operations would far exceed the estimate you made of our Coinage this year (three Millions of Dollars). I am well informed that bullion to a very unusual amount will be brought to this City this year and that there is much now on hand.

The other Officers and myself Concur with you that the sum proposed by Mr. Woodbury of $10.000 would be entirely

inadequate and that $100.000 is the minimum that the public convenience and accommodation requires our treasury to have in order to pay Depositors and that it would be best to have if not all at least the greater part here and the balance to be drawn for as you.

We had a full Consideration and determination of the arrangements exterior of the building of which in my letter of the 10th inst. I made mention. I found it was indispensible to surround the building with an interiour enclosure and that by making it partly a wall, within which the privies are to be put and the remainder a light iron fence the expence would not be augmented as I had feared in any exorbitant degree, and I had put rightly considered the practicability of adopting water closets for both the Officers and Workmen. You will consider the proposition I made in that letter which I too hastily made, as withdrawn. I have to state however that Mr. Gordon yesterday mentioned that he was going to the Havana shortly and it may in such Case you would have some directions for me which it will at all times afford me the highest gratification to attend to and perfect.

I am very thankful for your friendly attention into at hearing of my being sick. I pray you to write by Express Mail till we are more familiar with business in this Branch

Yr. Frein. Servt.
David Bradford
Superintendent

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director
Mint

Mint U.S.
March 12/38.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your draft on New York for $710, to meet your draft on me for that amount, forwarded by Mr. Barrett, and which has not yet been presented. I have also received funds from the Treasury of the U.S. to meet the same draft. When Mr. Barrett arrives, I have from this account duly arranged.

I have also to acknowledge the receipt of your draft on the U.S. Bank for $200, & your orders from Messrs. Tyler, Wheaton, McNamee and Moody.

I have to inform Francis Dwyer that his remittance of the 3d of June, for his wife, has never been called for, and that I cannot learn where she is to be found. Mrs. Johnson & Mrs. McNamee say it may be mentioned to this husband that they and their families are in good health.

Respectfully
Your ob't Serv't
R. M. P.

To
Edmund Forstall Esq.
Treasurer Bee Hive,
New Orleans.

U S B Mint New Orleans
March 10th 1838.

Sir,

I have the pleasure of informing you that another deposite was made in this Branch on the 8th inst. by another house, of gold and silver bullion of the value of near $20.000.

The Assayer has had some difficulty in assaying the last bullion received, it contains just that portion of gold that makes the assaying most difficult he says. After Mr Maxwell melts and refines it a re-assay will be made. Mr Eyster is using every effort to get his Coining machinery adjusted and ready for operations. Mr Maxwell is melting and refineing and has his arrangements all in the most admirable order and I am rejoiced to say he finds every thing to answer his expectations and most of all that on of the arches about which some alarm that it might fall was entertained is after testing it found not to settle any more and is Considered safe.

I shall take up my quarters in this B. Mint next week and relieve as far as may be in my power the other Officers from the arduous duties of police, which from the peculiar situation of this Establishment in the midst of the resort of the most disorderly and dangerous part of the population of this City, requireing the utmost vigilance until we get the entries and lot enclosed and I fear as you will perceive an expense however indispensable, that has given us Concern and embarrassment but from its necessity unavoidable I herewith enclose a Copy of the Treasurers Cash Book up to the last of Last month, and shall be thankful for any information and suggestions

from you that you may favor me with. The building contractors have all their force occupied actively at laying the granite for the enclosure of the Lot and finishing the wing designed for the dwelling of the Superintendent. There are a number of iron grated doors required which I will request may be put up as soon as possible so as to dispence with the incessant and unavoidable attendance of so many watchmen.

I was requested by Mr. Gordon on the 25th ult to come to a determination on the plan and description of the Privies which he had proposed to construct by extending the flanks and Centre of the Edifice in the rear as high as the basement story and as far as the purpose might require, which Mr. Tyler thought would not answer as the new walls would be exposed to the weather in passing to them in which I concurred. I found Mr. Tyler had bestowed the utmost attention and investigation on the matter and I got him to draw a plan of his views, which is I think the best that can be adopted for external arrangements, and I engaged an architect to make a drawing of the elevation. I then had it suggested to me that as the water works of this City afford an abundance of water in the second stories or seventies put above the surface of the City, it would be best to use water closets and I invited one of the most experienced and scientific persons of my acquaintance to view the premises who done me the favor to do so and concluded after viewing the apartments in which they might be constructed that it is highly advisable that they be adopted. I have no doubt myself but that they would be the most economical and by far the most salubrious, and I am satisfied that no arrangement of buildings for the purpose can be adopted without greatly impairing the external appearance of the Edifice and inconveniencing in a considerable degree the approaches and other Conveniences of the originally proposed plan, and without being Costly beyond conception. This matter has absorbed my attention and ingenuity nearly altogether since Mr. Gordon brought it to my Consideration and it is one I think of great interest. It is not embraced in the Contracts that I have seen. Indeed I have great doubt whether I have any Control over the matter. Mr. Gordon is very courteous and says he wishes to make these arrangements to suit the views of the Officers. All the other Officers concur with me that water-closets would be preferable to any other method. In two of the apartments in the basement story under the stairs designed for placing them it would be requisite to have gas lights and I think it highly advisable to have gas lights altogether in the building where they might be required for public purposes. Should you entrust me with the power and duty of making the necessary arrangements for having this B. Mint furnished with water-closets for the use of the Officers and workmen of the establishment and for it being lighted with gas, I will use my every effort to have these arrangements effected promptly and with the strictest observance of economy.

I deem it my duty and proper to state that Mr. Gordon is very anxious and is well desirous that I have no doubt he would cheerfully have with your sanction the above preparations effected but in Candour I would like to relieve him as far as in my power from what to him must be an arduous task, with strict propriety.

I make the earnest request that you inform me the amount of the balance of appropriations on which I may draw. I have in this month drawn for $12.000. And all information and instruction you can afford me. The 4th Sect. of the Act of 3. of 3d. March 1835 speaks of "regulations" which if any have been adopted I pray you send me a Copy and accept of assurances of my respect and esteem. David Bradford
Superintendent

U S B Mint New Orleans March 5th 1838.

Sir,

I have the pleasure of enclosing you herewith the [illegible] Oath of Office of Mr Denon Degel, a Clerk in this institution. The Security in my opinion is as good as could be given in this place. I am not acquainted with the securities, but Mr Forstall, the treasurer who knows them well, assures me they are gentlemen of the highest responsibility. I appointed Mr Degel on the 5th of January last as it had then become necessary that Mr Forstall should have his Assistance, and being on that day obliged to return to St Francisville I thought Mr Forstall would attend to having the requirements of the law as regards the Bond and Oath complied with and on my return on the 14th of January I omitted, from its not occurring to me, to ascertain if it had been done. I had again to go to St Francisville on the 24th January and did not get back here till the 23rd of last month and to my surprise found Mr Degel had not been apprised of the law. However as he has rendered services, faithfully and deligently, I consider him entitled to his Salary from the date of his appointment.

May I ask you, Sir, if I am correct in this Opinion? and if I am not please write me by Express Mail so that I may receive it upon the last of this month which is the end of the Quarter at which time the Officers and Clerks and workmen are to be paid. I have not yet appointed another Clerk as Mr Gordon concurred with me that it was not requisite to do so. We expect to be coining in this month and it is probable I will appoint the other next month. I have to have the pleasure of informing you that Silver Dollars to the amount of upwards of Thirty Thousand Dollars was deposited yesterday in this Branch, to be stamped to-day and the Melting and Refining will also be commenced to-day and we were asked if we could coin by the 1st of June for the same house that made the Deposit (Lizarde & Co) which I answered in the affirmative (the sum of $300,000). I hope therefore the Treasurer of this Branch will have funds furnished him immediately to pay the Depositors. I am Sir, David Bradford

Superintendent.

United States Branch Mint
New Orleans, 5 March 1838

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director U. S. Mint
Philadelphia,

Sir,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 24th ult. and observe that you have drawn on the Secretary of the Treasy. for the draft of $ 710. mentioned in mine of the 13th ult. I trust however, that you have received the checks that I remitted to you on the 21st ult. and that you will adjust the matter with the Secretary of the Treasury.

Mr Gordon requests me to inform you that his excuse for not answering your letter, is that he has been, & is still laboring under a very acute rheumatism in the head, and also that as soon as he received notice of his draft being protested, he deposited the amount in the Union Bank to meet it as soon as it is returned.

In expectation of receiving soon the beams and dies which are much wanted, I Remain respectfully

Sir,

Your faithful servant

Edm. Dorsett
Assistant of Br. Mint
(N. O.)

United States Branch Mint
New Orleans, 4th March 1838

Dr. Wm. M. Patterson
Director U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir,

Herewith please receive the Merchants Banks check for two hundred dollars, which you will please pay to the order of the following named persons to wit

✓ $100 to the order of Mr. Rufus Tyler
✓ 30 to the wife of M. D. Johnson
✓ 60 " " of Saml. McNamee
✓ 10 " " of John Mordy
$200.—

I am respectfully
Sir,
Your faithful Servant
Edm. Forstall
Treas. Br. Mint.

U S B Mint N. Orleans
March 1st 1838

Sir,

The end of the last month being so near at hand and being desirous of giving you all the information in relation to this Branch and every day having my letter unfinished at the closing of the Mail, has brought me to this date. I report that, On my arrival the other Officers informed me that in my absence they had discharged three men and four others had left, being in combination with the others. It seems they had misbehaved, violated the rules and used violent and threatning language. I fully approved the proceeding. The workmen since have been very orderly and attentive to business.

The Assayer and Melter and Refiner inform me they are ready for operation. The Coiner will be ready this month. He has had many difficulties to encounter nearly all of which have successfully been overcome and though more time has been required than was expected yet I am well pleased with the result and am satisfied that the utmost industry and exertions have been used in making the arrangements for commencing operations Mr. Forstall the Treasurer in my absence at the urgent request of the merchants who have bars of bullion and are daily expecting more wrote to the

Secretary of the Treasury requesting funds to pay the Depositors. This I fear was not regular but I hope it will be properly considered. I have to inform you that previous to my receiving funds to pay the Depositors I was satisfactorily informed that upwards of $100,000 in bullion would immediately be brought to this Branch by the Merchants of this place, or more so authorised to issue Certificates for Deposits as the Superintendent and Treasurer in Charlotte has advertised he is, the bullion would be brought to us abundantly and this might go on at once, the Assaying Department being ready.

The building is nearly Completed except the residence for the Superintendent and Warder, not having our families here, and those dwellings not being tenantable before fall, I requested the other parts of the building be finished with all despatch, and the builder have placed the most of their force accordingly. The enclosure is to be an iron paling resting on granite. the foundation for the granite has been laid even with the surface and the granite placed on near a fourth of the enclosure.

The 2nd and 3rd matters on which you request me in your letter of the 14th ultto. to report will be duly attended to when we get in operation.

Dr. Hoyt, the Assayer, informs me he is in want of the means of measuring and weighing solutions.

Mr. Tyler, the Coiner, is of opinion he will be ready for Coining by the end of this Month. He is now constructing the annealing furnace, having had to wait for the settling and dry[illegible] of the foundation. Two of the Coining Presses are ready for the reception of the dies or nearly so. He has informed you that he is in want of weighing and adjusting balances.

I regret very much to say that Mr. Maxwell is apprehensive the arches will give way on the basement story. They have settled considerably though I cannot say how much but will inform you as soon as I can get the estimate made by the Contractors and Mess[rs]. Maxwell and Dyer, who placed measures the other day to see how much they had settled and if they Continued to do so. Mr. Gordon bestows very attentive and has the liveliest solicitude on this matter and every other in relation to the Building.

I have made requisitions on the Secretary of the Treasury on the appropriation for paying the Officers and workmen of this Branch, and the Treasurer has received Eighteen Thousand six hundred and twenty five Dollars, ($18.625).

Amount of Money received	$18.625.00
" Paid Officers Salaries	11.700.00
" " Furniture for Offices	635.75
" Fixtures, not in Builders Contract	2.000.00
" Coal. Lumber & Iron	2014.33
" Incidental expenses & guard	95.50
	$17.921.58

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I expected we would yesterday spry off the men in time for me to make a full report which was not done. the item "Pictures &c" is not exact. I wish you to instruct me particularly, whither I am authorized to employ a guard. Necessity has compelled me to do so till the enclosure is made and the Building secured, and whither I ought to make a Requisition on the Secretary of the Treasury for funds out of a different appropriation.

I have appointed but one Clerk. I put up with my brother-in-Law Judge C. Woodrooff, a mile from the Mint, and when my Office is fitted up will I hope write more legibly than I have this letter.

Your Humble Servant

David Bradford

Superintendent

Dr R. M. Patterson

Director

Mint

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The United States

In account current with Edm^d Forstall

Treasurer Branch Mint N. Orleans

1837							
July 19	To am^t rec^d from S. Campbell Treasurer U.S.						1500 —
Oct 3	" " " " "						625 —
1838 Jan^y 17	" " " " "						500 —
Jan^y 4	" " " " "						4,000 —
July 17	" " " " "						16,000 —
							$18,525 —
1837		Contra					
July 17	By am^t paid Davis Bradford in full of his salary to 1 July 1837					750	67
Sept 6	" am^t paid E. Forstall on a/c of his salary					200	—
Oct 3	" am^t paid Davis Bradford in full of his salary to 30th September last					625	—
Nov 13	" am^t paid E. Forstall on a/c of his salary					100	—
	29 "	ditto		ditto		100	—
Dec 1838	19 "	ditto		ditto		150	—
Jan^y	5 "	ditto	Whitney watchman, to 6 Dec last			45	50
	" "	ditto	the Officers of the Mint to the 31st December last as p roll			3125	—
	11 "	paid E. Forstall in full of his services to 30th September 1837				450	—
	20 "	paid V.C. Tylee order to Fourcaut for wax				43	75
	" "	Fitzgerald for inkstands & Lamps				16	25
	22 "	" Bassett for sundries				5	71
	" "	for postage					12
	22 "	Post Office for box for the officers of the Mint to 31st December 1838				8	—
	23 "	paid Scholtes for a desk frame stone &c				9	25
	" "	Farmer & Spearing for waste				2	—
	" "	Whiting & Stark for brushes				6	25
	" "	for water & Album				1	—
		Amount carried forward				$6078	50
						11825	—

1838		Amount brought forward	£ 697	6	50	1825 –
Jany 24	By paid Accard for 2 jars &c.		18	50		
25	" " S Maxwells bill for sundries		20	37		
	" " Wm Watts bill for arm chairs &c.		53	–		
25	" " Girard for brushes &c		6	75		
27	" " Boulon & Co for 1 jar & cartage		5	25		
	" " Grant & Co for mahogany chairs &c		177	75		
31	" " Wm Watt order for paint brushes		1	75		
31	" " for water		1	50		
	" " workmen to this day per roll		151	62		
	" " Barne & Co for 1 pine table		5	–		
	" " Bailey for lumber		11	–		
	" " Andrews for lumber		9	55		
	" " Picton for lumber		28	12		
	" " Wyde & Goodrich for 1 lamp		4	–		
	" " Barker for lumber		60	93		
	" " Mr Donell & Co for iron		20	63		
	" " TC Tyler for sundries		4	73		
	" " Sargeant for 1 Lanthorn		2	50		
	" " Wallard for brushes		1	–		
	" " Girard for brushes		3	–		
	" " Wheeling & Harts for brass Cocks &c		1	62		
	" " Martin & Co for suspensions &c		1	50		
	" " Wemsley for lumber		26	09		
	" " for almanacs for Mr Watt			75		
	" " Montenduff for waiting on masons		47	25		
	" " TC Tylers order to watch men		213	50		
	" " S Maxwells ditto ditto			75		
Feby 6	" " Sargeant for sundries		4	75		
	" " for tallet forceps for Assay room		1	35		
8	" " for a ton measure and scoop		3	50		
9	" " for water			75		
	" " freight for Ship Ohio		2	63		
10	" " TC Tyler for 10 days work to date		35	–		
	Amount carried forward	£	807	14	1825	–

1838		Amount brought forward	£ 807	14	1825	–
Feby 10	By paid freight for Barque Mary		25	89		
	" " Wm Tibbs 10 days work to date		25	–		
	" " Bastian 10 " " " do		28	62		
	" " Freeman for carrying bricks		14	–		
	" " W. Ovens in full to this day		150	31		
	" " TC Barnell & Son in full to date		710	–		
	" " Silley in full to this day		42	51		
	" " Mr Gordon for so much advanced by him to pay the workmen as per roll dated 31st December 1837		2144	91		
20	" " Mr Gordon for so much paid to Barnell & Son 21 January last		160	–		
	" " for water		1	50		
	" " Andrews for charcoal		100	–		
	" " Barker for coal &c		181	5	–	
	" " Jackson in full to 11th instant		38	49		
	" " S A Wall for mahogany &c		28	65		
21	" " postage of a letter to Dr Patterson			15		
	" " Beam & Strode for mantle pieces &c		159	50		
	" " Mr Symes for plants &c		16	38		
24	" " Swingwood for iron &c		142	–		
	" " postage for Mr W Bradford			7	–	
27	" " " " Mr S Maxwell			15		
	" " Mr Cranston for desks book cases &c		45	–		
	" " postage for Mr Bradford			2	–	
	" " Grant for a map of the works		20	–		
28	" " Williams for monday & tuesday		1	–		
	" " Lockey for levelling yard		17	–		
	" " Mr Watt order to make gauges		50	4	–	
	" " Whitney for cartage		13	–		
	" " O'Beam for cartage of coals		51	75		
	" " Mr Ryff for coals		31	50		
	" " Workmen's roll dated this day		1430	–		
	Amount carried forward	£	17	06	04	1825 –

1838		Amount brought forward.	17,908 04	1825 —
Feby 28	By	paid Mr Nanner for carpenters work	650	
"	"	Johnson for night watch	3 —	
"	"	Cunningy for mason work	81 —	
"	"	Tibbett & Black for iron &c.	2435	17,719 89
		Balance due the United States		$ 905 11

Errors Excepted.

New Orleans, 28th February 1838

Edm: Forstall

Treasr of Br. Mint.

Mint U. S.
Feb. 28 1838.

Sir,

A letter received by me this morning from the Secretary of the Treasury, has the following paragraph.

"I will thank you to correspond with the Superintendent of the Branch Mint at N. Orleans, and ascertain what is the smallest sum which will be required there for the purchase of bullion for coinage, and whether it had better be supplied to the Branch, or remain on deposite at the Mint to redeem the Branch Mint certificates as may be required &c."

This communication is made in consequence of a letter to the Secretary from Swanson, late Portalo, dated the 13th inst, and which had been referred to me for my opinion. In this letter Mr. Portalo applies for a public deposite under the provisions in Sect 12 of the law of July 1836, regulating the deposites of public money; and the Secretary proposes to me the sum of "200 or 30,000 dollars" which I informed him that I considered entirely

inadequate. You know, however, that the Treasury is far from being rich in coin at present, and that it is therefore necessary to limit your disposits to the minimum which may be sufficient for your purposes. With this circumstance in view, I will thank you to give me an early answer to the question proposed by Mr. Woodbury.

R. M. P.

To/ David Bradford Esq.
Supt. Br. Mint
New Orleans.

Sir,

In consequence of Mr. Bradford's illness, which I deeply regret, both on personal and public grounds, I have judged it proper to direct this letter to you; and I ~~have~~ pray you, should Mr. Bradford be still unable to attend to his trust, to answer the queries of the Secretary of the Treasury. Let me advise you to consult Mr. Maunsell on the subject, as he has become acquainted, ~~at the Mint~~, with the exact nature ~~and~~ of the questions of the public disposits in the operations of the Mint.

R. M. Patton
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To/ Edmund Forstall, Esq.
Treasr of Branch Mint
New Orleans.

Mint of the United States.
Feb. 27 — 28

Sir,

I am glad to learn, by your letter of the 16th inst. receiv this morning, that you have advanced so far in your preparations for commencing work at the New Orleans Mint. I have kept long in the dark as to your proceedings, both, as I was supposed, to the illness of Mr. Brailsford.

I approve entirely of your course with regard to Mr. Jackson, and hope you will not hesitate to lop off the idle pothlitt, workman of whom you speak. In conducting such an establishment as is committed to your charge, at such a place as New Orleans, great firmness will be necessary on the part of the officers, and I am happy to find that they have the moral courage to exert it. They must be the masters, for they have all the responsibility. We are astonished to learn that Mr. Barnett presumed to meddle in this matter, and above

all that he should have ~~taken the part~~ encouraged
of the men in their insubordination.
He will find, on his return, that he
has done his best with for this mind.

You did not ordered on the receipt of my last letter from Mr Fortstall, and are now in pursuit. We shall also send you a string of coins.

Mr. Francis (to whom I have sent a mild eye this morning) promises to have his adjusting balances finished for you must in the course of a week.

Complete sets of large balances for your establishment, with many other articles, ordered in France, were sent from Havre in the Formosa for to New York, and I am sorry to say that much alarm is entertained for her safety, as she has been 75 days out, and is not heard of. Her loss would be a severe misfortune to the French Mints.

I have written to Mr. Fortstall that his draft to pay Metz Barnett & Co. should be honored on presentation.

Please to inform Dr. Hunt that Mr. Eckfeldt graduated the medium for his normal solution, by weighing the requisite quantities of water in it, and marking the lines at which they stood. So it is a question of proportion, it is not meant any that French mints should be employed.

Let me thank you for your very satisfactory letter, and invite you to communicate to me freely, from time to time, the proceedings in your department of the Mint. I am very anxious to be kept informed as to your conditions.

Yours

R. M. P.

Dr

To/ Rufus Tyler Esq
Coinr Bullion
New Orleans.

Mint U. S.
Feb. 27 1838.

Sir,

Your letter of the 16th inst. was received this morning, and I have to thank you for the information which it gives me as to the proceedings in your Mint.

Of the course pursued by Mr. Tyler and yourself with the refractory hands in your department, I entirely approve. You have a difficult and responsible task to perform, and you cannot hope to succeed in it without strict discipline. Your rules are perfectly just and mild, and they must be obeyed. I do not suppose that I have in them an article docking the wages for lost time.

My letter to Mr. Tyler, of this date, will give you information as to the draft drawn in favor of Francis. That provided to you pay him what the Act of Congress allows. You might be guided by Mr. Saxton's rule, which is an admirable piece of work.

Mr. Peale & Mr. Jacob Eckfeldt recommend that you should purchase your iron ashes. The best here is the ashes of cows horns. These are to be burnt, by a red heat, in your test furnace, by the reverberatory fires, and then ground in your crushing mill. Mr. Peale recommends that you be cautious in the employment of your test, as he finds it to be very wasteful.

Mr. Peale will write to Baltimore to order additional jars to be sent to you. They are already finished.

I am making arrangements to procure refined granulated copper from Norfolk, for alloys, and you can have a supply if I succeed. In the mean while I presume that you will find copper bolts to answer your purpose. We are now using them.

Your draft in favor of Mr. Eckfeldt for $150, was duly paid, and his receipt for the amount is endorsed on your note to him of Nov. 11th for $1400, as an account

It will be very gratifying to me to hear from time to time, of your proceedings at the New Orleans Mint, especially in your own department.

The Officers join in kind remembrances to you and Mr. Taylor and Dr. Hoxt

Yr. M. O. S.

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To

James Maxwell, Esq.
Melter & Refiner &c
Branch Mint
New Orleans

Treasurer's Office Branch Mint
New Orleans 21st Feb. 1848

Dr. R. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Sir.

In availing myself of the first opportunity of forwarding you the enclosed draft for $700, I derive much satisfaction from the reflection, that it will arrive in time to meet the draft for that amount, of which Mr Barnes is the bearer. The circumstances which induced me to draw on you in Mr Barnes's favor are already sufficiently explained, & I hope they will prove satisfactory.

I remain very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Chas Forstall
Treasr Br. Mint.

New Orleans February 16th 1838.

Doctor R. M. Patterson
Director of the U.S. Mint.

Sir

About the time of my leaving Philadelphia I made an arrangement with Mr Eckfeldt to furnish us with a scale beam and weights, which were to be adjusted by Mr Saxon and sent out immediately. As we have not received them, I think it probable they have been forgotten, and being unsuccessful in my endeavours to procure them here, it is important they be shipped by the first opportunity. It would oblige me if one or two barrels of bone ashes are sent at the same time.

As many of the jars received from Baltimore are imperfect, Mr Peale would do me a favour by giving an order for six of the larger kind.

It might be advisable that an arrangement be made at the north for a supply of copper for alloy, there being but little to be had here, and that of an inferior quality.

Mr Tyler in his last communication to You, stated that I was under the disagreeable necessity of discharging Robert Ford, one of the Melters, for frequent and open violation of the rules of the Mint. At the same time I told Anthony Bastian and Henry Selmes, who had just returned from a grog-shop during business hours, that on a repetition of the act they should also be discharged. Believing their

services indispensable they went off with Ford no doubt under the impression that I would receive them on their own terms. But for the sake of good order I judged it expedient to supply their places immediately by securing the services of men of most unexceptionable character, and who so far have proved themselves superior as workmen. It was not until we had frequently consulted together, & suffered much anxiety as to consequences, that we decided on what course to pursue. And it appears from the good effect produced on the remaining workmen that our decision was correct. I should not deem it necessary to be thus explicit if I had not good reason for judging that false representations will be made by the men, and Mr Barett (whose conduct has been very censurable) on their return. But I am happy in believing that your views with regard to discipline coincide with ours, and that you will at once see the necessity of our acting with promptness and decision in such a place as New Orleans, where any departure from strict rule would inevitably lead to evil consequences. It is a matter of notoriety here that men who come here bearing good characters for steadiness and sobriety often become dissipated from the many temptations to which they are exposed. I send a copy of the rules which you will perceive will require modification as soon as we commence the regular business operations) that you may judge how far the men had cause to feel aggrieved by their enforcement.

Article 1. Until further orders, the men will commence work at ½ past seven O'clock in the morning.

Article 2. At noon the bell will be rung for dinner.

Article 3. At One O'clock the bell will ring for work to be resumed.

Article 4. At five P.M. the bell will be rung for the dismission of the men for the day excepting that on Saturdays the hour of dismission will be three O'clock.

Article 5. The men on their arrival will report themselves to the foreman.

Article 6. The foreman will note in a book kept for the purpose, the absence of any workman at the regular hours. He will also note the time of said workman's arrival.

Article 7. No man during regular working hours shall leave the Mint without permission of his Officer. And in his absence of the foreman of his department.

I should be pleased to hear that the draft in favour of Mr Eckfeldt was paid.

Dr Hart & myself are satisfied with Mr Barett's conduct. I repeated to the Superintendant my readiness to commence business the 20th last month.

Mr Bradford & Mr Tyler's dwellings are almost complete
And the wall enclosing the mint commenced.
Please give my respects to all the Officers and believe
me to be your Humble & Obt Servt.

James Maxwell.

Expresses Mail
PAID

Doctor R.M. Patterson
Director of the U.S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Treasury Department
Office of Register
Dec. 16 1835

New Orleans Branch Mint
Feb. 14th 1838

Sir

I have the honor to inform you in relation to my duties in this Institution that I am progressing as fast with the preparatory arrangements and fixtures belonging to my Department as the circumstances under which we labour, will permit — That I am not at this moment ready for active operation must be attributed to the condition in which we found the Building and the Machinery which had been misplaced by Mr Hope — As it is I expect to be able to do something at coming before the end of march — I should be glad to have a few pair of Dies for the half Dollars, and for Dimes and half Dimes, as I am preparing the largest and the smallest Presses to commence upon —

The Bill of Lading for the brass castings has been handed me but the Vessel has not yet arrived — The Adjusting Ballances ordered from Mr Francis have not been received but will soon be required, I have to request therefore that you will be pleased to cause inquiry to be made concerning them and if convenient have them sent on

My large Ballances for weighing Silver Coins, Bullion &c. and another for the Adjusting Room are also wanting —

In addition to the foregoing requests, I beg leave to suggest that it appears to me highly important that I should have fair samples of all the Coins intended to be struck at this Branch

furnished by the Mother Mint — They would be immediately useful to me

I have been under the disagreeable necessity of my Foreman Washington Jackson — Stokes disappointed me exceedingly, for though once as good a Journeyman as I could desire, he is now conceited, faithless, and incompetent as a Foreman

Mr Maxwell has also been under the necessity of discharging some of his men for insubordination and that open spirit of rebellion which is subversive of all authority, and which if not crushed in the bud would render it impossible to carry on the business of the Mint in such a place as N. Orleans

In the absence of our Superintendent who is confined by severe indisposition, and not having received our funds from Washington which were written for early in the last month, we advised Mr Forestall to draw on you in favour of Mr Barrett in order to get rid of him and his men believing them to have been among the prime movers and instigators of all the mischief that has occurred — Happily the firmness and independent course of the Officers has resulted in the establishment of order and a good understanding with the remainder of the men generally, although at one time we were in danger of a more extensive loss unless we were willing to submit to such Regulations as the dis affected portion sided by Messrs Barrett & Co should think proper to dictate — There still amongst my common hands are dangerous men whose place can be much more worthily filled as soon as the departure of these men shall have rendered it prudent to dismiss him — You will have from Mr Maxwell a more particular account of the conduct of the disorganizers among us, together with a Copy of the Rules which we thought proper to adopt and which were dictated by the kindest feelings of regard for the interests and convenience of the Men, in view of all the circumstances of the case —

As soon as the funds written for arrive, the account of the Proofs will be forwarded to you — We yet hope we may be in time to anticipate the arrival of the Men and the presentation of the Draft —

The Melting & Refining, and the Assaying departments are I believe nearly ready to commence operation, and we have had the offer of a deposit of five or six thousand dollars to await the time of beginning to Coin, but could not receive it for want of the means of ascertaining its value

Dr Hart wishes me to say that he has Balances to weigh with, or graduated measures with which to determine the volumes of his solutions as pointed out by Gay Lussac and Chandet, but that he will do the best he can in the absence of them

Very respectfully

Your Obedient Servant

Robert Taylor
Coiner

To/ Dr R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philada

Mint U. S.
Feb. 13th 1878

Sir,

It has been my duty since I have had from you in the subject of the Branch Mint committed to your charge. Let me, then, pray you to satisfy my anxiety by replying to me your prompt conditional. I have not even been informed of the arrival of the persons charged with the erection of the furnaces, while I had hoped before this time to hear of them having made considerable progress in this work. I have to ask the different officers whether they find any thing necessary for their operations, & have been received from them at the Mint. A circumstance mentioned to me this morning makes me doubt whether they have their adjusting balances. The beams, ordered in Paris, are now on their way to New York.

I wrote on the 19th ult., by express mail, to Gen. Gordon, requesting a

draft on me which had been granted that day, and ~~on the subject~~ with regard to which he had given me no advice. The draft still lies over; the no advice from him has been received. Please to make inquiry of him as to this unpleasant business.

In your report I must pray you to ~~let~~ give me an estimate of the time when you think you can commence operations.

R. M. T.

To/
David Bradford Esq.
Supt. Bu. Mint,
New Orleans

Treasurers Office
Br Mint N. Orleans 13 feb 1858

Dr R M Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Sir. In consequence of not receiving funds written for, some time since which were expected a week or ten days ago, & apprehending from the loss & failure of the mails a detention which would not only be a great inconvenience to Mr Barrett, but occasion a loss to the Government of ten dollars p day, I have with the approbation of the officers, in the absence of Mr Bradford who is severely ill, taken the liberty of drawing on you at three days sight for the amount due to Mr Barrett - As I consider this step a case of necessity, I trust you will

not suffer the bill to be protested for if you deem it an improper irregularity, I will reimburse you by the Express Mail out of your funds as soon as we shall receive them, I after this, knowing by experience that we must allow more time when we write to the Secretary of the Treasury, than we have hitherto done, I believe that such necessity as the present will not exist again — This will be despatched by the Express Mail, & should the step I have taken not be approved by you, I will thank you to write to inform me of the same by the Express Mail, when it may be possible for me to meet the draft in Philadelphia, before the arrival of the men —

The draft is for Seven hundred & ten dollars of which five hundred & sixty are due to Wm Barrett, & one hundred & fifty to Wm Barrett's acct amounted to $710. but he has been paid $150. on account leaving a balance of $560 due to him as above —

I remain respectfully
Your Obt Svt
Edm. Worsley
Quartr Mr. Mont Pr. Co

Treasury Office Br. Mint
New Orleans 13th Feb. 1838

Hon: Levi Woodbury
Secretary of the Treasury
Sir,

In the absence of Mr. Bradford, the Superintendent of this Mint, who is severely indisposed, I would beg leave to state that under the impression that a fund would be provided by the Government, for the purpose of making available the Treasurer's receipt after the value of a deposit had been ascertained by assay, some of the Merchants of this City have procured large supplies of Bullion from Mexico, which they wish to deposit in the Mint, but which, if there is no fund provided, or other regulation adopted whereby the Treasurer's receipt can be issued for the current purposes of Trade, will pass into the hands of the Merchants Bank here, whence it will be transmitted to Mr. Biddle at Philadelphia. The assayer's & Melter & Refiner's departments are now ready for business, & the Coiner will be ready by the 1st of March.

I would further take the liberty of remarking that the sum of $10,000 written for by Mr. Bradford on the ult. has not arrived, & that the preliminary operations of the Mint are much impeded from the want of

of funds, — Mr. Gordon would advance for us temporarily, if a draft which he lately drew on Dr. Patterson for about $ 2000, had not been protested

I remain very Respectfully
Yours Obt. Servt.
(signed) Edm. Forstall
To Br. Mint New Orleans

New Orleans, 3d February 1838.

Sir,

Enclosed please receive the Citizens Bank check on the Philadelphia Bank for $170— which are to be paid to the following named persons or their order viz.

$30— to the wife of John Moody
$40— to " " of M. L. Johnson
$50 to " " of Saml McNamee
$50 to " " of A. Bastian
$170—

I am respectfully
Sir,
Your faithful servant
Edm. Forstall
Treas. Br. Mint

R. M. Patterson Esq.
Director U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Treasury Department
June 26th 1838.

Sir,

In reply to your communication of the 13th instant, I have to state, that the Department is not informed on what account the draft for $2304.01 was drawn on you by the Commissioner of the Branch Mint at N. Orleans.

There is a balance under each head of appropriation for that branch sufficient to meet the draft. You may therefore assure the holders, that it will be paid as soon as advice shall be received from Mr Gordon with interest, if required, for the time it shall lie over.

I have also to acknowledge the receipt of a copy of your annual report, for which please accept my thanks.

I remain very Respy
Your Obed. Servt
Levi Woodbury
Sec. of the Treasury

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philada

Shipped, *in good order and well conditioned, by the* Director of the Mint, *in and upon the good* Barque Ellen Mark *whereof is Master for this present voyage* Hunt, *and now in the River Delaware, and bound for* New Orleans

One Box of Medals

Branch Mint
of the United States
New Orleans.

on the Lem Being marked and numbered as in the margin, and to be delivered in the like good order, and well conditioned, at the aforesaid Port of New Orleans (the danger of the Seas only excepted,) unto the Branch Mint at New Orleans or to Assigns; they paying Freight for the said Goods.

One Dollar with Thanks

In witness whereof, *the Master or Purser of said hath affirmed to* three *Bills of Lading, all of this Tenor and Date; one of which being accomplished, the others to stand void.*

PHILADELPHIA, January 15. 1838

Saml Hunt

$1.05
3
$1.05

New Orleans Jany 15th 1838

Dr R M Patterson

Director of the U S Mint

Philadelphia

Dear Sir

Our Mexican friends who are the owners of an extensive Copper Mine of a very superior quality having forwarded us samples with the view of our making an effort of obtaining a contract with the U States Govt. here for the supply of any quantity that might be requisite, we have called on Dr Baldwin & Col Bradford for that purpose who inform us that they will scarcely be in operation before two months and have recommended us to send you a bar or two of the different descriptions that you might make a trial, we consequently now send through our friend C P Rey Esqr of your City two Bars one marked x 1 which is of the best Mine and is known to possess superior qualities to any other in Mexico and has hitherto brought us high as $ 1 per 100 lbs at the mint of the City of Mexico for alloying Silver & Gold the other marked x 3 is of a more brittle character, we consequently would ask the favor of you having them assayed and of in-

your power make us an offer for a contract of
any quantity you might require deliverable at
any given point on the U States pacific as shou
the price suit them we might agree to furnish bet
here before they have found a ready sale for all they
could get out in Mexico without seeking a
foreign market, but that government having
become so capricious of its contracts of late that
they are unwilling to rely on it, in future for the
value of the two Boats you will please to acce
to Mr Reef

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servts
J Macfarland & Co

PS You would oblige us by giving Mr Baldwin
your opinion of the quality of plank tending to from

Mint of the United States.
Jan. 13th, 1838.

Sir,

I presented to you yesterday the Grand Bank, a draft, of which a copy is appended to this letter, and I was under the very painful necessity of declining to accept it, — first, because the advice mentioned on the face of it had not been received, — secondly, because the draft was entirely unexpected, and no one I conceive on that account it is drawn, — thirdly, because I was unprovided with funds to meet it. The draft has accordingly been protested, but is held by the Bank until I can receive the expected advice from Gen. Gordon. I have claimed this delay as a right, inasmuch as the draft was forwarded by the earliest mail, and the Bank had no reason to expect that the advice from Gen. Gordon should be sent otherwise than by the ordinary mail.

I have now no funds of the New Orleans Branch to meet this draft, however correct it may prove; and until it be on account of the payment of wages, there are no funds of that Branch in the Treasury. I am apprehensive, therefore, of

of great embarrassment and perplexities
from this source. May I respectfully
pray for your advice and instructions,
under these circumstances?

R. M. P.
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Hon. Louis Woodbury,
Sec. of Treasury

Mint of the United States.
Jan. 12th, 1838.

Dear Sir,

A draft, at sight, dated the 2d inst., for from this more than $2000, was presented to me today by the Girard Bank. I had written you on the subject with my and to its rejection you ~~on the subject~~ with my and to its payment utterly unable to conceive for that it could be drawn, — and I am without government funds to meet it. I have accordingly been under the necessity of declining to pay it, until I hear from you, or, at all events, until I can draw funds from Washington. I regret, exceedingly, that you should have drawn without giving me advice on the subject, and without examining the Eject on the face of the bills drafts. It has been just into the hands of the notaries for protest, and I have been without means to prevent this dishonor.

R. M. P.

To Genl. Alexander Gordon,
Comm.r Br. Mint, St. Petersburg.

Mint of the United States
Jan. 8th, 1828

Sir,

On the 27th ult. I received your letter of the 18th, and Saturday received a letter from Mr. Maxwell, of the 30th. — I am happy to find that you are all in your places, and that you are using your exertions to set the Mint in operation. I need not say how important it is that you should commence coining at as early a day as possible. — The error in the position of the engine is much to be regretted; but while the alterations which this has occasioned go forward, you can be usefully employed in the other preliminary arrangements. I hope, in particular, that the Masons whom I engaged for you are, by this time, in Natchez, and that you are putting up the furnaces.

When Gen. Gordon was in Philadelphia last, we had a full understanding on the subject of the siting of the Mint which is now going up, and which, with the consent of the Secretary of the Treasury, it was agreed to devote for the residence of the Officers, and particularly of the Superintendent. The exterior appearance of the original Plan was not to be interfered with; but the interior was to be arranged and furnished in a manner suited

to its new destination. Gen Gordon told me that as the domestic arrangements of New Orleans were very different from ours here, he could have the plans of the intended sheds there, without the possibility of my procuring new drawings. — I am surprised to learn from Mr. Maxwell, that the building is now going forward without regard to their change of destination. Is this so? Please to consult Gen. Gordon on the subject.

Tell Mr. Maxwell and Dr. Hart that their messages respecting the gas, furnaces, doors, and grates shall be immediately attended to.

May I take the liberty of begging that you will be extremely cautious as to the character of the clerks whom you shall employ. They have a high trust reposed in them, and will be subjected to great temptations, if they are not men of virtuous principles and steady habits. — Gen. Gordon possesses my confidence and that of the Government in a high degree, and he knows New Orleans and its people well. May I suggest that it would be very advisable to consult with him as to the selection of Clerks?

Many of the workmen sent from here, have left wives and families behind them, and have promised to send part of the wages to their care, for their use. Let me beg that the Treasury department will permit them any facility for this purpose. I have to inform Messrs. Johnson, Mc Vicar, and McReady, that their wives have been at my office this morning to make inquiry in the subject.

I pray you to give my best respects to Gen Gordon and your fellow-officers of the Mint. I look upon your proceedings with great interest and anxiety.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful servant
R. M. P.

To
David Bradford, Esq.
Sup. Br. Mint
New Orleans

Branch Mint New-Orleans
1st January 1838

Sir,

Enclosed please receive the Citizens Bank's check for five hundred dollars, which are to be paid to the order of the following named persons viz:

$ 300 to Adam Eckfeldt Esq.
" 100 to Mrs Elizabeth Tyler
" 100 to Mr E.H. Brown's order
$ 500.

I remain respectfully
Sir,
Your most ob. Servant
Edm: Forstall
Treasurer of Br. Mint.

To
R.M. Patterson Esq.
Director U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Branch Mint N. Orleans
Jany 3rd 1838.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the U.S. Mint &c

Sir

I have enclosed to you a draft for five hundred & five dollars subject to the Order of the following named persons viz:

John Moody	$20	for his wife	
Mrs. I. Johnston	50	" "	W
Chs. H. Moore	50	for augustus B. Davis	W
Saml. McNamee	100	" his wife	W
Mahlon J. Gallagher	100	" " "	W
Chs. Sopcide	80	" " "	W
Wm. Durfee	95	" " "	
Owen L. Bird	50	" " "	W
M P. Denny	30	" Edwin R. Fuller	
	$505		

I remain your faithful Servt
R. M. Patterson

Bills 2304 @

New Orleans 2d. Jany 1838

At sight of this my first of Exchange, second of the same tenor & date unpaid, pay to the order of Martin Gordon Jr Cash[r] of the Union Bank Louisiana the sum of Two thousand three Hundred & four Dollars Sixty on Cents for value received and Chge the same as this day advised and oblg

Yours Obt. Servant

To R M Patterson Esqr Martin Gordon Jun
Director of the Mint Commissioner &c
of the U. S. Philada.

Chambers McKibbin Esq.
Acting Director U.S. Mint

Sir,

In the letter of Treas. Spinner, accompanying a deposit for coinage of silver bars, he requests an opinion in regard to the original form and character of this silver, so far as can be gathered merely from the bars themselves.

They come to us in three shapes; first, the dissevered links from a triple mould, which we at once recognize as a mint mould, and easily assign to the Branch Mint at New Orleans: secondly, small bars, also of mint shape, for issue as commercial bars; thirdly bars with flanges, such as are from moulds for melting block tin, and perhaps other metals; which shape we do not use, and did not send to the Branch Mint, although it is very convenient for lifting.

As for the composition of the bars, it will be seen by our report of assays just finished, that

they are nearly all fine silver, in the commercial sense, two or three being considerably below that grade. None of them are ~~absolutely~~ actually fine, in the Mint sense, which contemplates chemical purity. They generally contain a mere trace of gold, and one of them had nearly enough to come up to the line of reporting. Most of them showed on solution in nitric acid, a considerable proportion of the native sulphuret of silver; a pretty strong indication that these small bars were melts from the larger ones which come direct from the mines to the mint, and are often in this partly unreduced state. The bars were melted in such style as showed either haste, or want of skill or care. On the whole, this silver was probably from the mines of Mexico, and certainly not from any refinery.

Very respectfully

J. R. Eckfeldt

Assayer

Mint N. O.
Dec. 26th 1838.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st. inst., enclosing the directions of Dr. Hart.

As to the permission which was granted to the northern officers and men attached to the New Orleans Branch Mint, during the past summer, and to do nothing more than refer you to the correspondence between us, on this subject, in June last, the result of which I think will render the course that was taken satisfactory to any candid ~~person~~ individual.

Dr. Hart in one of his recent letters seems to insinuate, that, while there are persons in New Orleans, well qualified to fill any of the offices at the Mint, this claims have been overlooked in favor of ~~unworthy~~ northern men, who have to leave the city during the summer months for the benefit of their health.

As one is better acquainted than

them yourself with the difficulty that was met with in inducing any persons to accept the two offices which have been filled at the New Orleans mint by native men. There are certainly no applications or nominations for those offices from New Orleans, at least none that come to my knowledge. I fear, indeed, that in case of a vacancy, the same difficulty would occur, notwithstanding the opinion expressed by Dr. Hart to the contrary, and my reason for so supposing is that the place of Clerk of the Weighroom having become vacant last summer, the Superintendent was under the necessity of applying to the north for a suitable individual to ~~supply the~~ fill this situation.

(to right 2nd paragraph)

Col. Sylvester arrived at New Orleans within a day or two after the date of Dr. Hart's letter to Col. Benton, having been detained three weeks beyond the time of his leave of absence, by serious indisposition. Col. Maxwell did not come further north than Cincinnati, where he was also detained beyond his time by the sickness of his wife.]

R. M. P.

(To)
Hon. Levi Woodbury
Sec. of Treasury.

Treasury Department
Dec.r 21. 1838.

Sir

I have to request your attention to the enclosed extracts from a letter addressed by the Assayer of the Br. Mint at N. Orleans to the Hon.ble Th. H. Benton

Very Respectfully
Your Obed.t Sv.t
Levi Woodbury
Sec. of the Treas.y

D.r R.M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philad.a

Mint U.S.
Dec. 19th 1838.

Sir,

I will thank you to send me, at the close of the year, a statement of the whole amount of Silver and of Gold deposited with you for Coinage up to that time, and of the amount and kind of Coins struck: of the time when you commenced operations, when they were interrupted in Summer, and when they were resumed this fall; and to add any information or remarks which may aid me in making my annual report, so far as regards your Branch.

I have also to inform you what sum for 1839, you desire to have put

R. M. P.
D.

To
David Bradford, Esq.
Sup. Br. Mint
New Orleans.

I do not wish for a detailed statement, but merely for the total amounts.

U. S. Mint New Orleans
December 16th 1838

Sir,

Your letter of the 5th inst. by Express Mail only reached here yesterday too late to be answered by yesterdays Mail. I herewith enclose the draft for fifty thousand Dollars endorsed as you directed.

I hope Mr Bradford will soon arrive tho' I fear he may find the Ohio at Wheeling either too low or frozen

I mentioned to Mr Mc Namee that you had to assume the passage money of his family. He said he was very thankful to you for your friendliness and that he would refund the amount to you through me as soon as practicable. He has always as far as I have observed acted very honorably. He told me he had sent his wife at one time $90. and at another $20, within the last month which not having been received had been the cause of the trouble you had been at.

We have had very bad weather since the arrival of Mssrs Tyler and Maxwell – much cold rain dense fogs – so as to make the interiour of the building dripping with water – which made us all unwell and Mr Tyler quite sick. He is now well and engaged in superintending the erection of an annealing furnace and the general arrangement of his department

Your faithful Servant
David Bradford
Supt

Dr R. M. Patterson
Director Mint.
Philada

Mint U.S.
Dec. 7 — 38.

Sir,

On the 20th of July 1837 I wrote to Gen. Gordon to call his attention to an outstanding bill, due to Messrs Beals & Greene, Proprietors of the Morning Post. It was for publishing proposals for building the Branch Mint at Charlotte, and the amount is $42. I have this morning received another letter from Messrs. Beals & Greene stating that Gen. Gordon had not remitted this payment, and begging my interest in the case. As there seems to be every reason for believing that the claim is a just one, I pray you to see Gen. Gordon, and to ask his attention to it. This dunning for payment of government debts is, to say the least of it, very annoying.

R. M. P.

Dr. David Bradford
Supt. Br. Mint
New Orleans

Mint
Dec 7th 1838.

Gentlemen

I was surprised to find from your letter of the 4th inst. that your claim on the Northern Bank Mint was still unsettled. I have written on the subject to the Superintendent of that Branch, (Daniel Bradford, Esq.) and begged his immediate attention to the matter.

R. M. P.

Messrs. Beals & Greene,
Proprietors of Boston
Morning Post.

Mint U. S.
Dec. 5th, 1838.

Sir,

Mr. Spofford has been instructed by the way of Charleston &c. I am limited to allow him $323, viz. $223 in full for his salary to the end of the year, and $100 for travelling expenses. As to these advances I am giving my views in a letter which he will deliver you.

I am endeavoring to make arrangements with the Bank of the United States on the subject of your transfer drafts, so as to make it payable here, and I think I shall succeed; but nothing can be done unless I have your draft sent me, endorsed by you pay able to my order, which you will please therefore to do. In the mean while the Bank is content to let their ~~the~~ certificates remain.

Your report of the monthly operations of the Mint at Orleans Point has been duly received.

Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
Dan'l Bradford Esq.

The wife and children of Alex. McNamee, one of your workmen, left this morning for Montreal, in the ship Octavia. They were not provided with money to pay their passage money which Mr. McNamee told his wife that he would pay on their arrival. This person the owners would not accept unless I would become responsible for the payment, and I was obliged to do so, or Mr. McNamee and his children would have been detained, after having sold their furniture & left their home. The amount is, I think, $115. I pray you to see to my interests in this matter.

Mint [illegible]
Dec 5th 1835

Sir,

Mr. William E. Hofford, who, as you are already informed, has been selected as Clerk for your Mint, will hand you this letter. I am happy to believe that you will find him faithful and competent, and that he will prove an acquisition to your establishment.

I have found it necessary to advance to him, on your account $203. Of this sum $223 is for his salary from the 25th of October, (when he is considered as having entered on the ~~[illegible]~~ execution of his duties,) to the end of the year. The remaining sum of $100 was absolutely necessary for him to have his travelling expenses, and if, in your judgment, such an allowance can with propriety be made, and if, this be made, the account shall pass the audit at Washington, then it will be charged accordingly; if otherwise the sum must be returned to you by Mr. Hofford.

In either case ~~the~~ you will please to
reply to me the whole sum of $323,
in your next remittance.

P. M. P.

Mr David Bradford
Dep. Bo. Acc.
Auburn

Copy.

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, Dec. 3. 1838.

Received of Dr R. M. Patterson, Director of the Mint, two hundred & twenty three dollars, on account of my salary as Clerk of the Branch Mint at New Orleans, from the 25th day of October to the 31st day of December 1838, and One hundred dollars on account of my travelling expenses hence to New Orleans, altogether the sum of 323 dollars; which sum I bind myself to repay to the said R. M. Patterson, Director, at the end of the present quarter.

$ 323.—

(Signed) M. E. Stafford.

Witness,
(Signed) Wm E. Du Bois.

A true Copy,
Geo. H. Denning.
March 22. 1839.

Mint U S
Nov. 26th 1838.

Sir,

Your letter of the 18th inst., containing the estimate for 1839, asked for in mine of the 27th of Sept., was received this morning. I had found it impossible to wait for this document, and had sent in the estimate of which a copy is subjoined. From this estimate, though much lower than yours, I am still not disposed to vary; though this may be done, during the session of Congress, if any special case can be pointed out by you, on carefully considering this paper.

The estimate for Coiners (£22000) is equal to that for fifty workmen at this Mint at full wages all the year, and ought assuredly to be sufficient for your twenty workmen, who will probably be on half ~~wages~~ pay for nearly half the year.

As to the extra hands, if they shall be allowed by law, as I hope they will, a ~~separate~~ special estimate for this pay should may be included in such law. At present they seem to come/~~out~~ as to

the ground at least,) under the laws of necessity, and must be considered as paid out of your contingent fund.

Your allowance for wastage, supposing the average of three millièmes, would suppose a consumption of upwards of five millions; which, judging from the past, I do not think it will exceed one million. I have supposed your probable wastage not to exceed $4000.

You speak of $1500 for an Assistant to the Coiner. Mr. Tyler will explain to you the serious invincible objection which I entertained to the views which he had on this point, and respecting which he very properly consulted me, with great frankness.

According to our Philadelphia prices, the charge for gas light fixtures made by the Gas Works Company is absurd. I had the gas carried throughout my private residence, with 15 burners, including handsome chandeliers in my parlours, for less than $200. As you never made

at night I cannot see the necessity of introducing gas at all. Light is needed only for the watch, and oil lamps would surely answer any purpose.

If my estimate should, in your judgment, be too low, you will please to remember that your balance of this year lies over, and may be expended as if part of the appropriation for next

Our estimate for 1839, including new machinery and an appropriation for a cabinet of coins, is $66,000, and the portion for officers and clerks is $20,700 of this amount.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
R. M. Patterson
Director

To
Daniel L. Bradford, Esq.
Asst. Br. Assist.
Sec. Treas.

With copy of Estimate for N.O. Br., for 1839, and explanations - (Dec. Nov. 22. 1838)

U S B Mint New Orleans
November 24th 1838

Sir,

I have the pleasure of announcing to you that Mr. Maxwell and Lady arrived here yesterday in good health from St. Louis to which place they had an arduous and tedious journey from Cincinnatti. I am satisfied that Mr. M. has used every exertion in his power to be here at the appointed time and has alone been disappointed by the low state of the rivers.

I herewith enclose a Copy of a Statement of the unexpended balances of the appropriations for this Branch which was furnished me last April from Washington from which and the amount, Eighty Eight thousand dollars for which I have drawn since my appointment, you will be able to ascertain exactly the situation of the appropriations for this Branch.

Mr. Tyler is unwell this morning I mentioned to him day before yesterday the estimate I had sent you but we had no detailed investigation of the matter he being engaged in fixing his quarters, but he seemed of opinion I had came near the amount.

Dr. Hort has been so kind at my request as to assist Mr. Bosset & Mr. Maxwell foreman in melting some small Gold deposites and has obliged them this week very much to the accommodation of the depositors.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director
Mint
Philad.a

Your Faithful & obliged
Humble Servant
David Bradford
Cash.r

"Branch of the Mint at New Orleans

Buildings & Machinery

1838					1838		
March 15.	7794	E. Forstall	710.—		Jan'y 1	By Balance	$67.000—
To Balance			66,290				
			$67,000				$67.000,—

Wastage on Gold and Contingent Expences

" March 15.	7794	E. Forstall	1,300.—		1838 Jan'y 1	By Balance	15.700,—
April 28.	8431	R.M. Patterson	3,800.—		Appt. W. N° 96		27.100,—
To Balance			38,300,—				$42.800,—
			$42.800,—				

Apparatus, Tools &c.

No Balance

Salaries &c.

" Jan'y 27.	7582.	E. Forstall	2,447.75		1838 Jan'y 1	By balance	12.900.—
March 15.	7794	D°	3.050.—		Appt. W. N° 96		12.900,—
		Balance	20,355,22				
			$25,850.00				$25.800.—

Compensation to Laborers

" Jan'y 27.	7582.	E. Forstall	7552.22		1838 Jan'y 1	By balance	10.800,—
March 15.	7794	D°	3.000.—		Appt. W. N° 96		22.000,—
To Balance			23,247.78				
			32.800.00				$32,800.—

First Comp't Office
Stat'd 28th April 1839
Wm B Van Dorsten

U S B Mint New Orleans
November 22nd 1838

Sir

I left this on the 6th of August and remained with my family at Bayou Sara till the 10th of September when I returned to expedite the works that had to be finished before resuming operations. Dr Hort had written me that Mitchell the contractor for the masonry had not done any thing at taking down the granite centre stairs and putting up others. Immediately on my arrival I called on Mr Gordon whose health has been very infirm, and we concluded to give Mitchell notice that if he did not without delay commence the stairs another person would be engaged to do it. This had the desired effect. The work was straightway begun and has been completed to my satisfaction. At the same time I notified Mitchell and the sub contractor for enclosing the Lot that if that work did not progress without interruption the same measures would be adopted. And I am happy at stating that the enclosing the Lot was completed by the 1st of October. Three lightning rods have been put up; and the Treasure Vault has been encased inside flat iron bars. The front and rear spaces near the Gates have been paved with hexagonal wooden blocks and the interior yards with flag stones as also the walks from the front to the entrances of the Residences.

I was very sorry to find from your letter of the 18th of August that Mr Tyler did not reach Philad.a as soon as we expected he would when he left this, and of his great indisposition when he did arrive as you informed me in your letter of the 27th Sept.r I am very glad you have Mr Stafford at the Mint acquiring practical information and shall be happy to see him here as soon as he can come.

I am sorry to inform you that the arrangement proposed in your letter of the 20th October is not agreeable to the holders of our Certificates of Deposits. The principal holder is the Merchants Bank of this City Agents of the U S Bank of Penn.a A few days after the reception of the Treasurers Transfer Draft for fifty thousand dollars, the

first Teller called on me with Eighty five thousand dollars in our Certificates to know when we could pay them. I told him we could pay him $70,000 in a draft on the Mint and the Balance as soon as we funds from the Government or from the operations of this Branch. He asked me if I would pay the difference of Exchange. I told him I would not, that if the proposition did not answer, I would inform you and that Coins would be forwarded or probably a draft on the Collector of this port. He then said he would inform the direction of the Bank and have their determination on the matter and left me since which I have not seen or heard from him or the Bank. As more than time enough has elapsed I have to submit to your disposition to have the funds forwarded to the Treasurer of this Branch so as to be available in paying his Certificates. The Treasurers Draft for $30,000 is made payable to my order and I wish you to direct me particularly whether I must Endorse it and remit it to you or to the Treasurer of the B. of [redacted]

I have the pleasure of informing you that Mr. Tyler and family have arrived in better health than when they left Phila.a

I have not been able to ascertain the unexpended balance of our Appropriations. I have drawn on the Secty of the Treasy since my appointment for Eighty Eight thousand Dollars, $15,004 latterly, not yet received.

Mr. Maxwell has not yet arrived, but we look for him by every Steamer from up the River, and as some Citizens have got home within a few days back, and I am in hopes when he arrives we will get successfully at business and have a respectable Report to make of our Coinage by the end of the year.

Your Faithful
Humble Servant.
David Bradford
Superintendent

To
Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director
Mint
Philada

U. S. B. Mint New Orleans
November 18th 1838.

Sir,

After Consulting with Mr. Forstall, Dr. Hort (who arrived here on the 7th inst.) and Mr. Gordon, I have come to the following Estimate for an appropriation for this Branch for next year viz:

for Officers and Clerks	$12.000
Laborers	30.000
Incidental and contingent Expenses wastage of gold and silver	16.000
Iron, steel, lead, Castings, chemical agents, copper for alloy, zinc, oil, tallow, crucibles, melting pots and spares	10.000
Wood and coal for the Stationary Engine and furnaces and the different offices	8.000
Stationary water rent and taxes	1.000
	$77.900

In the above estimate for laborers is included the sum of $4 300, which we think required to pay the guard; $14.60, the door keeper and porter and an additional man as fireman. I wrote you by Mr. Tyler that I thought he ought to have an assistant to whom at least $1500 would have to be given. I am unable to state what the unexpended balances of the appropriation for this Branch is. I will, as soon as the Clerk can make it out for me, send you a statement of the amount we have received from the Chief of the Treasy from which you will be enabled to ascertain it. The Gaslight & Banking Company of this City proposed placing the fixtures for lighting this Branch Mint with Gas lights for 1500 dollars which the Treas. Verbally ac-

considered too much. I made an appointment with the agent to come and see if we could not make out with fewer lights and have the fixtures arranged more reasonably, but he has not as yet called.

I had the pleasure of sending by the ordinary mail on the 16th inst, the Statement of Deposits from the Commencement of operations to the 1st of August

I shall write you more fully next mail.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
David Bradford
Supt

U S B Mint New Orleans
Nov. 16th 1838

Sir

In Compliance with your letter of the 13th ult. enclosed you will receive a Statement of "Bullion deposited for Coinage" in this Branch for the months of March, April, May, June and July, Viz. from the Commencement of operations in this Branch to the suspension in August last.

The "Fineness" is in some instances not set down as in some of the deposites there were upwards of a dozen different assays and different qualities of fineness. I enclose a Copy of the Assayers Report of Deposit No 5. and Deposite No 1.

The Coins executed were delivered on one warrant, and of one denomination, as per inclosed statement.

Workmen have been engaged in fitting up the Treasurers Vault since the Reception of your letter which has delayed this answer.

Any further statement or information you may desire it will afford me pleasure to furnish

Very Respectfully
Yr. Obnt. Servt.
David Bradford
Supt.

To
Dr. R M Patterson
Director
Mint
Philada

Silver deposites received at the Branch Mint at New Orleans, during the month ending 31st March 1838

When deposited		Kind of Deposite	Gross wt after Melting	Fineness	Standard Weight	Value before deductions	Value after deductions
1838 March	8	Foreign Bullion	20.20.25		21.334 32	24.822.44	23.953.11
"	"	ditto	4.640.25		4.956 96	5.770.42	5.566.78
"	"	ditto	1.125.50	.949	1.186 77	1.381.96	1.373.85
"	"	ditto	1.536.25		1.696 37	1.973.95	1.961.88
"	27	ditto	13.104.45		13.667 57	15.903.60	15.835.73
			41.814.70		42.843 99	49.854.12	48.291.15

Silver deposites received at the Branch Mint at New Orleans, during the month ending 30th April 1838.

When deposited		Kind of Deposite	Gross wt after Melting	Fineness	Standard Weight	Value before deductions	Value after deductions
1838 April	10	Foreign Coin	87.50	.999	87 48	101.70	101.70
"	"	Foreign Bullion	11.447.35		12.273 29	14.281.62	13.960.24
"	"	Foreign Coin	567.	.995	564 48	656.55	656.55
"	"	Foreign Coin & Bullion	4.141.10		4.404 44	5.125.16	5.115.96
"	12	Foreign Bullion	40.116.20		44.436 24	51.754.12	51.472.62
√	24	ditto	1.256.80	.982	1.369 51	1.592.42	1.556.82
√	27	ditto	294.25	.933	302 56	352.	350.13
"	"	Foreign Coin	6.461.70		7.586 51	8.827.93	8.827.93
"	"	Foreign Bullion	454.	.760	596 41	445.66	429.64
			86121.90		91.449 75	83.141.44	82.523.39

Silver deposited received at the Branch Mint at New Orleans during the month ending May 31st 1838

When deposited		Kind of Deposite	Gross Wt after Melting	Fineness	Standard Weight	Value after deduction	Value after deductions
May	9	Foreign Bullion	4851 75		5181 30	5022 14	5011 53
	14	Foreign Coins	304 50	885	295 50	343 55	343 55
	18	Foreign Bullion	13748 35		15119 48	17592 57	17547 28
	25	Foreign Coins	162 25	883	164 00	190 04	190 34
			19117 85		20760 32	24187 50	23991 85

Silver deposited received at the Branch Mint at New Orleans during the month ending 31st June 1838

When deposited		Kind of Deposite	Gross Wt after Melting	Fineness	Standard Weight	Value after deduction	Value after deductions
June	2	Foreign Coins & Foreign Bullion	312 50	918	318 75	370 91	369 95
	4	Foreign Coins	427 10	892	451 50	530 12	530 12
	5	ditto	114 90	885	118 03	137 34	137 34
	7	ditto	92 -	874	94 25	109 61	109 61
	21	Foreign Bullion	31402 50		34700 00	40378 00	40256 57
	22	ditto	5319 60		5800 00	6750 00	6726 02
	23	Foreign Coins	85 50	862	98 87	102 20	102 20
	27	Foreign Bullion	3697 15		4001 50	4654 50	4642 22
	27	Foreign Coins	1024 50	880	1002 10	1166 90	1166 90
			42620 60		46570 00	54202 21	54081 82

Silver deposited received at the Branch Mint at New Orleans during the month ending 31st July 1838

When depositing		Kind of Deposits	Gross weight after Melting		Fineness	Standard Weight		Value before deductions		Value after deductions	
July	7	Foreign Coins	142	25	923	93	18	115	41	115	41
	10	ditto	153	50	834	142	80	121	98	121	98
	11	ditto	142	.	925	133	20	155	.	155	.
	12	Foreign Coins & Foreign Bullion	521	50	932	543	14	129	41	129	33
	19	Foreign Bullion	123	75	988	124	85	148	27	148	27
		Foreign Coins	201	.	835	244	18	283	98	283	88
			1284	.		1306	10	1514	12	1514	12

Gold deposits received at the Branch Mint at New Orleans during the month ending March 31st 1838

When deposited	Kind of deposite	Gross weight after melting	Fine ness	Standard Weight	Value after deduction	Value after deduction
1838 March	6 Foreign Bullion (not previously	-	-	450	2.9	8.728 88	8.728 88
"	" Foreign Bullion	71	35	784	62	1.151	24	1.151 24
"	" Foreign Bullion (not previously	-	-		87	213	4.03	20	4.03 91
"	13 U.S. Bullion	9	35	918	9	417	175	21	175 21
"	27 Foreign Bullion (not previously	-	-		111	829	12.513	88	12.298 25
					1.220	115	22.011	32	22.771 58

Gold deposits received at the Branch Mint at New Orleans for the month ending April 30th 1838

When deposited	Kind of deposite	Gross weight after melting	Fine ness	Standard Weight	Value after deduction	Value after deduction
April	7 U.S. Bullion	11	975	643	13	370	1.92	88	1.92 91
	13 Foreign Bullion (not previously				33	450	13.04	11	13.04 32
	12 " " (" ")				42	187	8.77	04	8.76 72
	20 Foreign Bullion	1.26	97	882	110	432	22.03	10	22.03 10
	"	31	55	893	31	124	17.2	44	17.2 44
					306	267	5.199	12	5.194 10

Gold deposites received at the Branch Mint New Orleans, during the month ending May 31st 1838

When deposited		Kind of Deposite	Gross weight Ozs. Millths	Dwts	Grs	Standard weight Ozs.	Dwts	Grs	Value per denomination Dollars	Cts	Mills	Value per assay Dollars	Cts	Mills
May	2	Foreign Bullion	29	15	9	25	9	13	5	9	3	1	9	39
	9	ditto	42	5	7	36	14	7	7	5	5	1	5	75
		ditto Rhode Island				21	5	13	4	1	7	4	1	23
	14	Foreign Coins	9	4	13	9	2	15	1	7	3	1	7	93
	25	N. A. Bullion (Ga)	17	5	5	17	3	15	3	2	6	3	2	62
						134	6	13	25	4	5	25	2	52

Gold deposited received at the Bronaks Mint at New Orleans during the month ending June 30th 1838

When deposited		Kind of Deposite	Gross weight Ozs. Millths	Dwts	Grs	Standard weight Ozs.	Dwts	Grs	Value per denomination Dollars	Cts	Mills	Value per assay Dollars	Cts	Mills
June	8	Foreign Coins	4		11	3	19	7	3	24		3	24	
	22	Foreign Bullion (captured specie)				20	5	17	3	8	31	3	8	31
						24	4	24	26	13	5	26	13	5

Silver coinage executed at the Branch Mint at New Orleans during the month ending July 31st 1838

Denomination of Coins	Number of Pieces	Value Dollars	Cts	Remarks
	367,434	367,434	00	

Gold Deposites received at the Branch Mint at New Orleans during the month ending July 31st 1838

When deposited		Kind of Deposite	Gross weight after melting		Fineness	Standard Weight	Value per Estimate		Value after Melting	
July	9	Foreign Bullion	14	15	515	8	047	150	84	150 84
	10	ditto	13	45	780	11	052	216	87	216 87
	12	ditto	21	60	245	11	160	207	62	207 62
			49	20		30	914	574	13	574 13

Mint U. S.
Nov. 7th, 1838.

Sir,

Mr. Tyler left out to-day, for New Orleans by S.A. He has been detained here, first by various indispositions, and lastly by the lowness of the waters of the Ohio which has ~~at last~~ finally forced him to change his route. I hope that you will lose no time in hastening your proceedings, after his arrival, so as to enable you to make a respectable report of the amount of coinage, at the end of the year. In your letter of Sep. 26, obtained by me on the 8th of Sept. you state that he was charged by you with several essential errands to be executed here for your Mint, and you ask whether his travelling expenses to Philadelphia and back may not be paid by you. I answer, that, his public ~~services~~ duties of the enlargement to which Mr. Tyler has been

subjected by the dispensing of his salary to his expenses, I should be very happy to be him relieved from the expense necessary expenses of his own personal journey to this city and back, and that I think you would be justified in making him the allowance from your contingent fund, ~~&~~ in the ground you have taken, if you deem his services for some months, while here, to have been of ~~consequence~~ a degree of importance corresponding to the expense. I would be cautious, however, how after of sending officers of the Mint to such a distance to transact business of any kind, at least with all prospect of ~~profit~~ advantage unless in case of great necessity.

Mr Stafford, who has been selected as your new Clerk, is constantly with us, engaged in acquiring a practical acquaintance with his duties. He will leave him in the course of two or three weeks.

I have not yet received your estimate for 1839, and am embarrassed in making one out for myself, from not having your probable unexpended balance at the close of the present year.

R. M. P.

To David Bradford, Esq
Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans.

Mint of the United States,
November 2d, 1838.

Respected Sir,

As you are about making your requisition on the Treasury Department for the appropriation for the payment of Salaries of the Officers & Clerks of the Mint for the year 1839 I beg leave to solicit your interest on my behalf, in favor of an increase of Salary commencing with the 1st, quarter of that year.

I would respectfully suggest, that a similar compensation be allowed me, as is granted to the Book keeper of the N. O. Branch and the Treasurer's Clerks of this Mint.

With great respect
Your Obt Servt
Geo W. Eckleman

To
Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint

Mint of the United States,
Oct. 26 1838.

Sir,

On the 22d inst., I informed you of the appointment of Mr. Stafford; and I now enclose his oath of office, & bond, in the sum of $200., with Mr. Samuel Browne, & Mr. M. M. Baldwin, as sureties.

Mr. Baldwin, (an extensive Manufacturer, well known to Messrs. Tyler & Maxwell,) has been substituted as surety in the stead of Mr. Elton, named in my last: that gentleman being under a stipulation with his partner in business, which impedes his entering into surety, of which fact Mr. Stafford was not aware at the time he was named.

Very respectfully,
Yours &c.,
R. M. P. Director,
per Geo. F. Bunning,
Director's Clk.

To
David Bradford, Esq.
Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

Mint of the United States,
Oct 22d, 1835.

Sir,

Agreeably to your request, Dr. Patterson made the appointment of a Clerk of the Mint Mr. William E. Stafford, room for your Branch. The person appointed, Esq. signified his acceptance on Saturday last, just as Dr. Patterson was upon the point of starting for Virginia, for an absence of a few days. ~~And~~ Being thus prevented from writing to you himself, he desired me to inform you of this appointment.

It will be proper to add, that Mr. Stafford came recommended to the Director, as a gentleman of integrity and ~~superior~~ abilities, and in all respects, well adapted for the post to which he has been assigned. This representation will doubtless be confirmed by Mr. Maxwell, who has long been acquainted with him.

Mr. Stafford is at present a clerk in the Mechanics Bank of this city. In a few days he will take the necessary oath of office, and execute a bond to you in the sum of five thousand dollars, with Mr. Samuel Browne, of the firm of Browne & Robb, & Mr. Anthony Elton, of the house of Elton & Ruddock, as his sureties: those gentlemen having been approved by the Director. As soon as these papers are executed, they will be forwarded to you.

Mr. Stafford will remain here a few weeks, to acquaint himself with our system of accounts, and to become

familiar with the ~~duty~~ art of weighing, &c. &c as to be prepared to enter at once upon the performance of ~~the duties~~ his duties, upon arriving at New Orleans.

He will be expected to leave this city by the first of December at farthest, and as much earlier as ~~possible~~ his arrangements will admit.

Yours, Very respectfully,

R. M. Patterson, Director,

per Geo. T. Dunning,

Director's Clerk.

To/ David Bradford, Esq.,
Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

Mint of the United States,
Oct. 20. 1838.

Sir,

On the 16th inst. a deposite of $50,000 was made by the government in this Mint, with the intention on the part of the Secretary of the Treasury, of making it available to your Branch for the payment of your certificates, to that amount, now outstanding in consequence of your want of Coins. I have asked the Secretary to have this deposite transferred to your credit, and, when he shall do so, and you receive information from us to that effect, your Treasurer may then endorse any of the certificates issued by an order upon this Mint, and the amount will be paid on presentation here.

I propose this plan on the assurance that it will be perfectly satisfactory to most of the holders of your certificates. If it prove otherwise, let me know, and measures shall be taken for transferring coins to your vaults.

Very respy.
Yr faithfl. Servt.
Signd R. M. Patterson,
Director.

To
David Bradford, Esq.
Supt Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

Mint of the United States
Oct. 15th, 1838.

Sir,

I have received, from the Bank of the United States, an order on a transfer of $50,000 from a deposite which they had made ~~to~~ in the Mint for ~~your~~ the draft sent to us from your department, on the Custom House at ~~at~~ at Natchez for the same amount. This amount is therefore now placed to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States on our books, under the 21st Sect. of the Act of 15th Jan. 1837.

To make it available for the New Orleans Mint it is necessary that we receive an order to place it to the credit of the Treasurer of that ~~Mint~~ Branch, so that he may give drafts on us for amounts due by him to depositors, or endorse those Mint certificates so as to make them

payable here. If you will cause this transfer to be made, I will immediately give the necessary instructions to the Superintendent & the other Agents for making this fund available to his discretion.

R. M. P. Jr

To/ Hon. Levi Woodbury,
Sec. of Treasury.

Mint of the U. S.
Oct. 16th, 1838.

Sir,

I have had the honor to receive your letter of the 13th, respecting a draft in my favor on the Collector of N. York, for $50,000, which draft was received from the Secretary of the United States by the same mail.

It is but three days since we made a payment of about $180,000 to the house of Prime, Ward, & King, and if we had then had this draft it would have saved trouble and expense both to them and us. At present we have no N. York deposited except for about $10,000 — to be made into small coins. It is probable, however, that by waiting a short time, the draft may be made available here without the necessity of bringing the specie from N. York.

I will immediately enter into correspondence with Mr. Bradford, the

Superintendent of the New Orleans
Branch, as to the best means
of making payment to all his de-
positors without further delay, - which
ought certainly to be done, if pos-
sible.

P. M. P.

Hon. Levi Woodbury
Sec. of Treas.

Treasury Department
October 13th 1838

Sir,

I have directed the Treasurer to issue a treasury draft in your favor on the Collector of New York for $50.000 payable to your order in that city - and to be placed to the credit of the Treasurer in the account raised on the books of the Mint by the Act of 1837.

It is my wish, that this sum after received by you may be made available at the New Orleans Branch Mint where there is understood to be a deficiency of means to make payment to depositors of bullion for coinage. If you and the director there can arrange the mode of realizing this sum for that purpose so as to best promote the convenience of all parties, the amount can hereafter be transfered from the credit of the Treasurer as your books, to those of the Branch at New Orleans. I have directed this transfer to be made payable in New York in the belief, that it will afford some facility by obviating the necessity of transportation from Philadelphia to

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

I am, Sir,
very respectfully
your obd. Sr.
Levi Woodbury
Secretary of the Treasury

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia 6th May 1794

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter and enclosed Statements of the Ores, Gold, and Acct of purchases for the three months ending for the annual assay with a description of their contents.

I am Sir
Your Obedt Servt
James Ross Snowden
Treasr

W. Hollingsworth Esq
Actg Secy of State
Philadelphia

P.S. I find the Estimates will be for more than the grounds on which they are based I shall by the next Post advise you of the Amount

J.R.S.

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia Oct. 1853

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, and inclosed Statements of the 1st Qrt, and also of packages Nos of the Coins assorted for the Annual assay with a description of their contents,

I am very Respectfully Yours

Snowden

Mint U.S.
Sept. 27th 1838.

Sir,

The long detention of Mr. Tyler upon his reached Philadelphia prevented my having any explanation as to the question of your visit to this Mint, until the Interest of the Session had decided the question for us.

You are aware that Mr. Maskell has been detained at Cincinnati, by the illness of his wife. I am sorry to state also that Mr. Tyler has been seriously ill, and is still confined to his chamber.

I pray you to send me, as early as you can, an estimate of the appropriations wanted for your Branch, for 1839. Remember that the unexpended balances of the present year will be available for the next, and will must therefore be considered in your estimates.

R. M. P.

To/ David Bradford Esq
Supt. Br. Mint
New Orleans

Mint of the United States,
Aug. 25. 1838.

Sir,

Enclosed, please find 2 Bills Lading, which have just come to hand, tho' the Crucibles were Shipped, At New York, on the 18th & 20th inst.

The Shipment consists, as you may see, of 8 Casks Crucibles for your Branch, Being as per Invoice

H.B. Nos 1. 2. 3 & 4. — 4 Casks Blk Lead Pots, each Cask

Containing	16	Pots No. 25	is 400	Numbers
	13	" " 30	" 390	"
	12	" " 35	" 420	"
	8	" " 60	" 480	"
	5	" " 80	" 400	"
Each Cask =	54	Pots	2090	Numbers
4 Casks =	216	Pots	8360	Numbers

at 3cts per No = $250.80

H.B. Nos 5 to 8, 4 Casks small Sand Crucibles, containing,

No. 5 —	36	Nests,	5 in a nest
" 6	36	"	5 " " "
" 7	37	"	5 " " "
" 8	36	"	5 " " "
	145 Nests	@ 60cts =	$87.00
			$337.80

We hope you may find all right

Very respectfully,

To
David Bradford, Esq.
Supt. N.C. Br Mint

Yrs &c.,
R. M. Patterson, Director
per Geo. T. Stanley, Director's Clerk

Per Bap. Bills Lading — Aug 18th & 20th 1838.

...int of the United States,
Aug. 18. 1838.

Sir,

Your letter of the 4th was received on the 18th inst, and should have been answered promptly, had I not felt somewhat embarrassed by the application which you make for my instructions authorizing you to make a visit to the Mint here. I have indeed not been able, even yet, to make up my mind on this subject, which I feel to involve a degree of responsibility very disproportionate to the mere expense of the proposed visit. An interview with Messrs. Tyler & Maxwell may probably serve to remove my doubts, & I feel, therefore, constrained to await their arrival which may be looked for daily. You mention that they concur with you as to the propriety of your coming on to this Mint, and they may therefore probably be able to remove the difficulties which at present beset my judgment as to this matter. I will write to you again, immediately after their arrival here.

Very respy
your obt Servt

Signed R. M. Patterson,
Director

To
David Bradford. Esq.
Supt Br. Mint
New Orleans.

U S B Mint New Orleans
August 4th 1838

Sir,

The suspension of the regular business of this B. Mint until the first of November next affording me an opportunity of absenting myself as the Treasurer will represent, me I am extremely anxious to avail myself of this occasion to confer with you personally on the subject of my duties and the adjustment of matters which I feel to be important and delicate. All the Officers except myself and the Treasurer have had the advantage of more or less training in the Mint at Philadelphia, and although you have communicated to me much information by letter relative to my duties and the management of this B. Mint, still there is much detail only to be clearly comprehended by personal interview and observation In the settlement of accounts with the Contractors I anticipate considerable difficulty, and on this subject I have been greatly embarrassed and feel very heavy responsibility this Branch is becoming every day in the estimation of the public and the mercantile community especially more interesting and important and in an interview with you Sir, the whole subject could be freely discussed and my mind relieved from all embarrassment and doubt. Under these circumstances I trust you will authorize me to proceed to Philadelphia during the recess a request in which all the Officers concur and which I should not make either if my private circumstances permitted me to do so on my own account or if I did not sincerely believe that it is required by the public interest and the welfare of this Branch Mint.

Mr. Tyler, Mr. Maxwell and Lady left this in the Steamer Bonaparte for Louisville on the 2d inst. in good health on their way to Philad.a

The enclosing the lot is progressing daily and I am assured it will be finished next week. I have just had an interview with Mr. Gordon and he agrees with me that if Mitchell, the Contractor, does not have the granite steps finished or far underway by 1st Sept. that I shall employ some other person to finish the stairs.

I have to report to you that in the month of July there was deposited in this Branch Mint, Gold Bullion amounting to $57513 and Silver amounting to $1495.94, Total Value $2.074.07 and that there have been executed and delivered by the Coiner to the Treasurer 367434 Dime Coins,

since the commencement of Coining up to this time, value $36.740.40

I have to request that you do me the very particular favor to write me at this place by Express Mail in answer to my request to visit the Mint and that you consider the same with all the indulgence and allowance it admits of, and accept upon assurances of my Respect and Esteem

Your very Humble Servant
David Bradford
Superintendent

To Dr R M Patterson
Director
Mint
Phila.

U S Branch Mint New Orleans
August 2nd 1838.

Dr Sir,

Mr Tyler will inform you of our disappointment in getting a suitable Clerk and weigh-Master. Mr Forstall, who is the most interested and responsible in the matter, has requested me specially to get you to employ for this Branch one in Philadelphia in which the other officers and myself concur. I therefore hope you will render us this favor and service.

In haste
Your Hum. Sert.
David Bradford
Superintendent

To Dr R. M. Patterson
Director
Mint
Philadelphia

U S B Mint New Orleans
August 2nd 1838.

Dear Sir,

I have the pleasure of writing you by Mr. Tyler who leaves this with Mr. Maxwell and lady in a few hours. To him I take great pleasure in referring for all information interesting to you.

I have availed myself of Mr. Tyler's very acceptable offer to attend to procuring many articles for this Branch when he will be in Philad.a and I think his services in that respect would authorize me to have his traveling expenses allowed him of which however I am not certain that it devolves on me and therefore request your approbation and authorization if requisit.

Mr. T. has had an arduous and indeed a slavish task thus far, and indeed I do not think he can stand it and get along without an apistant which I urgently request may be allowed him.

I remain in much haste, Your very Humble Servant

David Bradford
Superintendent

To
Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director
Mint
Philad.a

Branch of the Mint of the U States,
New Orleans August 2nd 1838

Doctr R. M. Patterson
Director of the U.S. Mint

Sir as there is a Vacancy occasioned by the Resignation of the Clerk of the Weigh Room, and as it seems impracticable to procure a suitable person in this place at the Salary authorized by Law: You would oblige me by selecting such a person (if one can be obtained in your City) as you shall think Qualified for so important a situation. in making Choice of a Clerk for that place, it is very desirable the he should be such a one as would be agreeable to the Coiner, and Melter & Refiner, and as they will probably be in your City this Summer; I shall be obliged by your conferring with them concerning him.

I remain respectfully
Your most Obt Servant
Edwd Ferrall
Asst of Br. Mint (N.O)

Mint of the United States.
July 7th, 1838.

Sir, I send herewith the result of the assays made ~~yesterday~~, by Mr. DuBois, of the pieces received from you, through the Secretary of the Treasury, yesterday. — The results are, on the whole, very satisfactory; yet although they are all within the limits of the law, I would recommend that bulls No. 57 and 82 should be rejected. The assays were made twice, and found to be 897.3 and 897; — the latter differing 2/10 millionths from Dr. Hoit's assay.

Most of the assay-pieces are found to be very brittle, so that we doubt whether it will be practicable to make dimes from them, though they all seem to be pure dime ingots. If great difficulty occur, it will be best to roll them down for half-dollars.

Daniel Bradford Esq. } R. M. P.
Sup. Bk. Mint, St. Albans }

Treasury Department
July 2. 1838.

Sir,

I transmit by this mail a box containing small assay pieces received from the Treasurer of the Branch Mint at N Orleans.

Application has been made for specimens of the new coin of one dollar to take to the East for distribution - Will you be pleased to send to the Department about $50 - by the first opportunity & the amount will be promptly refunded to you.

I remain very Respy
Your Obedt. Servt
Levi Woodbury
Secy of the Treasury

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philada

Mint U. S.

June 27th, 1835.

Sir,

On the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst., I ~~wrote~~ made a communication on the subject to the Secretary of the Treasury, of which I send you a copy enclosed. I have just received his answer, under date of the 25th ~~to the~~ in the following terms.

"In reply to your letter of the 22d inst., on the subject of leave of absence being granted to certain officers of the Branch Mint at New Orleans during the sickly season, I have only to remark, that I leave it to yourself to exercise a sound discretion on the whole matter, under all the circumstances."

The discretion which is thus granted to me, I transfer to you, giving my consent to your granting leave of absence, at the times and for the periods that you may judge proper: & by letter to the Secretary will give you my reasons on the subject, and I must beg you to ~~&~~

ute, as to the persons, the precautions which I have suggested. Such as return, and enter into contracts for the following year, (always revocable at your pleasure) may have half pay given to them, but no allowance for travelling expenses.

R. M. P.
Jr

To
David Bradford Esq.
Sup. Dt. Mint
New Orleans

U S B Mint New Orleans
June 26th 1838

Sir I have the honor of transmitting herewith a list of Assay clippings the first columns being the number of the envelope the second the number of the melt the third the fineness agreeable to the Assayer's report

No of Envelope	No of Melt	Fineness	No of Envelope	No of Melt	Fineness
1	16 57	898.2	21	36 85	899.5
2	17 58	898	22	37 87	899.3
3	18 59	899.5	23	38 88	899.7
4	19 60	899.5	24	39 91	898.2
5	20 61	899.	25	40 92	900.2
6	21 65	898.6	26	41 93	901.1
7	22 71	899.5	27	42 95	899.5
8	23 72	899.5	28	43 96	900.4
9	24 73	898.6	29	44 97	901.1
10	25 74	899.	30	45 86	899.
11	26 75	898.6	31	46 94	899.3
12	27 76	900.4			
13	28 77	899.5			
14	29 78	899.			
15	30 79	898.8			
16	31 80	898.2			
17	32 81	898.6			
18	33 82	899.5			
19	34 83	899.5			
20	35 84	900.8			

The pieces I forwarded on the 13th inst to the Secy of the Treas requesting him to transmit them to you under his frank I have been afflicted with very sore eyes which is my apology for not writing sooner and getting the above written by another hand.

Very Respectfully
Yr Hble. Servt
David Bradford
Supt

6oz 9dwt 3grs = weight of 31 slips.

31/5/38

Treasury Department
June 25. 1838.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 23d. instant on the subject of leave of absence being granted to certain officers of the Branch Mint at N. Orleans, during the sickly season. I have only to remark, that I leave it to yourself to exercise a second discretion over the whole matter, under all the circumstances.

Referring to your other communication of the same date I have to state, that Mr. Haupler has been furnished with a copy of Mr. Wheeler's letter and been urged to complete the assays if practicable by the time Mr. Wheeler shall reach here.

On the arrival of Mr. Reich from England, who is hourly expected with the amount of the Smithsonian Legacy, it is probable that the Department may be able

to

deposit with the Mint nearly half a million of dollars
in foreign gold coin.

I remain very Respy
Your Obed. Servt
Geo. M. Bibb
Sec. of the Treasury.

Dr. R.M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Phila.a

Mint of the United States,
June 22d, 1838.

Sir,

I received yesterday your letter of the 10th inst., containing the report of your proceedings for May; and I am pleased to find that Mr. Tyler seems to have at last the command the difficulties that have beset him. It is exceedingly desirable that all your public debts should be kept out in good working order before the close of the session, and I pray that no exertion may be spared to bring about this object.

The application which you make respecting the interruption of your proceedings for the present is so important ~~in its~~ that I have not judged it right to act upon it without the approbation of the Secretary of the Treasury. I have, therefore,

made to him a full representation of the whole matter, and, as soon as his instructions are received, will write to you.

I have also written to him respecting your rights, which I know to be nearly finished, for I saw them two months ago, ready for adjustment. They are made by Mr. Hatsler, at Washington.

R. M. P.

Th/

David Bradford, Esq
Sup. Br. Mint
New Orleans

Mint of the United States
June 22d, 1838.

Sir,

A letter received by me yesterday, from David Bradford Esq., Superintendent of the Branch Mint at New Orleans, contains the following communication, with regard to which I do not feel authorized to act without your instructions, or at least your approbation.

"I must submit, at this time," (says Mr. Bradford,) "a few matters on which I wish to have your early instructions. Mr. Sydnor [the Coiner] will have to go to Philadelphia on his family this summer, and, from the fact that the yellow fever is prevailing in Havana, it is generally apprehended we shall not escape, and it would probably be for the interest of the public service that the officers and workmen should have leave of absence from the latter part of July to the beginning

of November. The Trustees and Assayer being acclimated intend remaining at all events, and the public service would not be incommoded, as deposites could be received and certificates given for them as is now done."

Mr. Bradford afterwards added. "I am desirous of being informed how far I may be authorized to cancel my discretion in granting leave of absence to the other officers, and to the workmen; and, as I expect to send my family to the neighborhood of St Francisville, by the 1st of August, whether I might not accompany them, substituting in my place the Treasurer in my absence."

On the subject of this communication, I have to state that there was an understanding on the part of the Officers and men when orders were issued, that they should not be required to remain at the Mint during the first terrible Epidemic, and all other citizens of New Orleans: then I considered, and said that to do so would be very dangerous; indeed, without the prospect of leave of absence at the first sickly season, no Officers or men could have been induced to go to or remain at the Mint. I therefore agree to the expectations and request made by Mr. Bradford, and join in asking that the leave of absence applied for may be granted.

During the prevalence of yellow fever in this city, the operations of the Mint were always suspended; and the men were put on half pay. I would propose the same course, for the New Orleans Mint, for the approaching sickly season; with the condition, however, that the half pay should be allowed only

to there now the return to the Mint ~~must~~ otherwise when needful ~~at the most leading, and the order into Contracts~~ to contain their need and she enter into contract to continue in the Mint ~~thereafter~~ that duration it required.

It will probably not be necessary to extend this indulgence beyond the present ~~approaching~~ Summer. After that ~~the Officers and men will~~ it is believed that the risk will be much diminished, and that the Officers and men may be required to keep their places as acclimated citizens.

R. M. P.

Hon. Louis Woodbury
Sec. of Treasury

U S B Mint New Orleans
June 10th 1838.

Sir,

I have to report to you agreeably to your letter of the 14th February last that some progress has been made latterly toward the Completion of the enclosure of the lot and that the work is going on now daily. The large granite stairs in the Centre building are in the same situation as stated in my last report. The Stairs of the Superintendents quarters are finished but no balusters are put to the piazzas in the new wing. The arrangements for Coinage are Complete as far as one Coining press which I am truly happy to state is now in operation. It has given Mr. Tyler a great deal of trouble. On the 7th of May he struck a few pieces, only thirty, when he apprehended it would receive injury if he should strike any more. I requested him not to incur the risk of breaking it and he stopped its operation, took it apart and was engaged in massing and readjusting it till near the end of last month when he set it a going again when to his great mortification it broke the lifters of the lower die and caused a stoppage of a week. I hope it is now so well regulated that it will give no further trouble. The rolling apparatus has required much dressing and I am delighted with an invention of Mr. Tylers for that purpose which has succeeded admirably.

The Treasurer has reported to me that the Deposites for the last month of Silver Bullion amount to Twenty three Thousand eight hundred and ninety nine 89/100 dollars and of Gold Bullion to two thousand five hundred and two 52/100 dollars. The Mexican forts being

blockaded by the French fleet has prevented our receiving a large quantity of Bullion that was expected here before this time.

Mr. Tyler has informed me that the amounts and kinds of Coinage executed to this date are about twenty thousand dimes.

I have the pleasure of informing you that the articles shipped by you on the J. Palmer, the Ella Rand and some have all arrived in good order as per Bills of Lading. We were very sorry not to find with the adjusting balances the weights for the Balances that came by the Lafayette, and I have to request that you furnish this Branch with the requisite weights at your earliest possible convenience as the only ones we have and use daily are those we borrowed from the Gala Bank formerly belonging to the Branch of the Bank of the U.S. in this place, and which we presume are accurate but we would be greatly relieved by having weights furnished us by you.

I must submit at this time a few matters on which I wish to have your early instructions. Mr. Tyler will have to go to Philadt for his family this summer and from the fact that the yellow fever is prevailing in Havana it is generally apprehended we shall not escape and it would probably be for the interest of the public service that the Officers and workmen should have leave of absence from the latter part of July to the beginning of November the treasurer and Assayer being acclimated intend remaining at all events and we think the public service would not be incommoded as Deposites could be received and Certificates given for them as is now done

I have to tender you our thanks for your prompt attention to having the Reassays made and communicating the result. I will have to ask you indulgence in requesting in a few days Reassays to be made as well of standard ingots as of some Mexican bars.

I have just rec.d a package containing instructions and forms for which I am very thankful as also your favor of the 2.nd inst. and Bill of lading.

I am desirous of being informed how far I may be authorized to exercise my discretion in granting leave of absence to the other Officers and to the workmen, and as I expect to send my family to the neighborhood of St. Francisville by the 1.st of August, whether I might not accompany them substituting in my place the Measurer in my absence. Your frank and friendly instructions will confer a favor on your

Faithful Servant

David Bradford
Superintendent

To
Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director
Mint
Philad.a

SHIPPED in good order and condition, by John Bohlen
in and upon the Barque called the Gazelle
whereof E. D. Byrne is Master, for the present Voyage, and now lying in
the Port of Philadelphia and bound for New Orleans

Sold by W. Hyde, 77 Chesnut St. Philadelphia.

No 3468 Six Casks of Cinchona

Being marked and numbered as in the margin; to be delivered in the like good order and condition at the aforesaid Port of
New Orleans (the dangers of the Seas only excepted,) unto
Thos Branch & Sons of Ph. & N. Y. or to
their Assigns, he or they paying Freight for the said Goods at the rate of
Thirty Six 00/100 Dollars
with 5% Primage and Average accustomed. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Master or Purser of the said Barque
hath affirmed to 4 Bills of Lading, all of this Tenor and Date; one of which being accomplished the others
to stand void.
Dated at Philadelphia the 31st day of May 1858
W. C. Ebersole

36.00
1.44
$ 34.56

Mint of the United States,
May. 29. 1838.

Sir,

I send you herewith, Mr. R. R. Cockfield's report on the assays of deposites made at your mint, of which specimens were sent by you, and received here on the 21st inst. I agree perfectly in the remarks which accompany the report; and will merely add that Dr. Hort, notwithstanding some variations from our assays which we cannot understand, shews that he is well acquainted with the duties of his department, and, when using proper caution, may be safely relied on. I deem it, therefore, unnecessary to send to this mint any more assay pieces from deposites, unless some peculiar circumstances may make you judge an appeal to us desirable. I wish the regular assays, however, to be still sent here, according to my former instructions.

Very respectfully
Your faithful Servant,
R. M. Patterson,
Director

Signed

To
Dan'l Bradford, Esq.
Sup. Br. Mint,
New Orleans

To, David R Bradford, Esq.
Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

May 29 '38

Report of the Assayer, to the Director of the Mint.

Assay of Silver containing Gold, at the Branch Mint at New Orleans; and the re-assay of the same, at the Principal Mint, Philadelphia.

	New Orleans Silver.	New Orleans Gold.	Philad.a Silver.	Philad.a Gold.		New Orleans Silver.	New Orleans Gold.	Philad.a Silver.	Philad.a Gold.
No. 16.	962	17	961	17	No. 39	963	5.	963	
17.	951	13	949.5	13	40	927	38.	930	
18.	962	17	961	17	41	992	5.	993	
19.	953	7	957	7	42	952	4.	953	
20.	957	5	963.5	5	43	955	4.5	957.5	
21.	940	17	941	18	44	971.5	—	970	
22.	970	12.5	970	12.5	45	950	4.5	951	
23.	848	141	848	141	46	974	9	975	
24.	957	29	957	29	47	922	75.5	921	
25.	738	244	737.5	244	48	965	10	963.5	
26.	923	56	925	54	49	960	6	957	
27.	968	12.5	966.5	12.5	50	920	78	920	
28.	926	53	926	53.5	51	923	75	920.5	
29.	969	18.5	967.5	17	52	999	—	998	
30.	965	13	964	13	53	999	—	997.5	
31.	972	12.5	975	12.5	54	984	14	976	
32.	982	5.5	980		55	998	—	...	
33.	977	12.5	978		56	990	8	984	
34.	967	5	965.5		57	984	14	...	
35.	957.5	5.5	961		58	—	897	—	888
36.	957	7.5	959.5		59	—	890	—	891
37.	959	9.5	959						
38.	975	4	970.5						

Remarks. The Assays of Gold, contained in the Silver, proved so satisfactory, that it was not thought necessary to continue them beyond the 18th item. So great a variation, however appears in No. 26.

The assays of Silver, are with a few exceptions, equally satisfactory; they are never expected to correspond so minutely as those of Gold. The exceptions referred to, are Nos. 19, 20, 31, 35, 40 & 49, 54 & 56; some of which were assayed twice here, and must be considered as erroneously reported, or transcribed at the Branch Mint. The Humid Assay is so exact a process, that any diversity of results greater than two millièmes at the farthest, ought to be charged to some accidental occurrence, which a second assay would correct.

It must be noticed that Nos. 55 & 57 varied considerably from the result at the Branch Mint, but there was not enough of the Metal sent us to repeat the operation.

By summing up the results of the 40 Silver assays, reported, at each Mint & dividing the difference by the number of assays, it will be seen that the Assayer of the Branch Mint has reported on an average only one quarter of a millième too high; and that therefore, (assuming an equality of weights) the Mutter & Refiner, the Treasurer, & the Depositors, have reason to be perfectly satisfied; while the Assayer may assume with confidence, that he has been working upon correct principles.

Mint of the United States,
Assayer's Office, May 28. 1838. Jacob R. Eckfeldt
Signed Assayer

Treasury Department
May 25. 1838

Sir

The Sums transmitted by you for the Superintendant of the Branch Mint at N. Orleans have duly received and forwarded.

I wish thank you to inform me whether the Money on deposit at the Mint is kept in the Mint or in Banks. If in the former, whether the vault & securities are ample - and if in the latter, what bonds is the depositary of it.

I remain very Resp[y]
Your Obed[t] Sv[t]
Sam[l] Southard
Sec. of the Treasury.

D[r] R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philad[a]

Instructions in relation to the course of accounts for gold and silver at the Branch of the Mint of the United States at New Orleans.

A. Of the Purchase of Bullion for Coinage, on behalf of the United States.

1. When a deposite of bullion is made at the Mint it is first received by the Treasurer, by whom, or under whose direction, it is weighed immediately, and in the presence of the depositor, if practicable. But if the bullion be of less value than $ 100, (which may nearly enough be judged by its weight and appearance) or if it be so base as to be unsuitable for the operation of the Mint, it is usually refused, as is authorised by law.

2. The Weigher enters in his Weigh-book, the date of deposite, kind of bullion, in what shape and by whom deposited, if gold, from what state or country originally derived. If the bullion be of gold, and contain a considerable quantity of silver, it is noted as "Gold containing silver", and so in the opposite case; and the bullion is entered in the gold or silver weighing-book, according as the gold or silver appears to excel in weight. If there are several parcels, they are weighed severally, according to the wishes of the depositor; but it is not usual to make distinct items of parcels of less value than $ 100. The weights before melting are expressed in the right hand columns of the book, in pounds, ounces, and decimal parts of an ounce. Gold is weighed to the $\frac{1}{100}$ th (.01) of an ounce, and silver to the $\frac{1}{20}$ th (.05) of an ounce; fractions of these parts are not given to the depositor.

3. The Weigher gives a receipt [illegible] for the weight before melting. This receipt is not properly transferable, except in peculiar circumstances, and with

a perfect assurance of safety to the Mint.

4. If the Assayer decides that the bullion ought to be melted before it can be assayed, the Melter & Refiner receives it, unofficially, for that purpose, it is melted on the same, or the next day, if possible, and returned without delay to the Treasurer, in whose custody it has remained, in point of law, throughout the process.

5. The Weighs enter the weights after melting, in the left hand columns of the weigh-books. As by long experience, it is well ascertained what are the proper limits of loss in melting, it is the duty of the Weighs, at this stage, to see that these limits are not exceeded, or if they are, to satisfy himself that the peculiarity of the case justified it. The following rules will be of service:

"An Estimate, by the Assayer of the principal Mint, of what should be the Ordinary Loss, and what the extreme limit of loss, in melting gold & silver deposits preparatory to the Assay; as far as he can judge from his own experiments, and from what should be expected from careful operators, in ordinary routine:

Gold.

Description	Loss in a Weight of 5 Ozs & 2 Ozs	1 Oz & 10 Dwts	10 Dwts & 1 Dwt	1 Dwt & 5 Grs
1. Clippings, Filings & Dust	.01 — .02	.01 — .05	— .03	— .25
2. Grains	Irregular and Uncertain.			
3. Ores	— .01 — .02	.01 — .08	.03	— .15
4. Jewelry & Plate	— .01 — .02	.01 — .05	.03	— .25
5. Amalgam	Irregular and Uncertain.			
6. Coins Lots	— .01 — .02	.01 — .05	— .03	— .25

Silver

Description	Deduction to be made on Coins & Lots	Ordinary Loss of melted Bars	Extreme Loss of melted Bars
1. Bars, Grains, Ores, Clippings, &c.	2 p. C.	½ of one per ct.	½ of one per ct.
2. Ores, Jewelry, Plate, &c.	2 p. C.	½ of one per ct.	½ of one per ct.
3. Coins	15 Dwts p. 1000	½ of one per ct.	½ of one per ct.
4. Jewelry & Plate	2 p. C.	½ of one per ct.	½ of one per ct.
5. Amalgam	Must be melted	One per ct.	From 5 to 10 per ct.
	Must be melted	From 2 to 5 per ct.	

N.B. Clean bars of gold are frequently melted without any loss, and when a single bar is deposited, and appears to have been well melted, it is usually assayed without remelting, and, of course, reported without loss. The Regular deduction

from gold coins, not melted for assay (as, when they are not mingled, and are of uniform and known fineness, 916 76/1000 ths of an ounce per Dwt. for a piece of 250 ounces. The above estimate of losses in gold, supposes that a protective flux (as borax) has been used. A refining flux (as nitre) is not used in melting for assay, unless the metal be in a very impure and intractable condition; in which case), as the loss will be uncertain and considerable, the depositor ought to be informed in regard to the process."

6. As soon as the weight after melting, (or after deduction, where melting is dispensed with,) is ascertained, the Treasurer's Clerk transcribes the date of deposit, name of the depositor, description and number of bullion, and weight after melting, upon a blank, called the Assayer's Report (See below.) This is taken to the Assayer, who, at the same time, (or previously,) cuts off such small portions of the bullion as may be necessary for his operations.

7. The Assayer inserts in the Report, the fineness of the bullion, and signs his name. If the bullion be gold, and contain silver enough to require (and receive, according to law and the rules of the Mint,) the Assayer prepares an additional Report, stating the quality of the bullion, as to the precious metal it contained. The rule is, to separate bullion for the benefit of the depositor, when the precious metal contained shall be worth five dollars or more, after allowing for cost of parting & necessary alloy. The Assayer calculates, in a book kept for that purpose, the standard weight of each parcel, and the value of the sum of those parcels. (If there be more than one in each Report,) the results are carried to the nearest thousandth part of one ounce, for gold, and to the nearest ten th. (.01) for silver, and are marked by him in pencil on the Report as a check to the calculations afterwards made

in the Treasurer's Office, but without any lawful responsibility on the part of the Assayer, for their accuracy. The Assay Office gives directions in pencil for making the deductions; concerning which the Assayer of the New Orleans Mint has already received minute instructions. Having entered the details of the Report on his Register, he returns it to the Treasurer.

8. The Treasurer, or his Clerk, upon receiving the Report, calculates the Standard weight of each parcel, and the value of the whole; if these agree with the Assayer's pencil marks, they are taken as correct; if not, the two Officers compare and adjust the account. The Treasurer or Clerk, then calculates the deductions, (which are to be verified by another person in the same Office) and completes the Report by re-writing, in ink, the marks noted in pencil.

9. A Warrant (D.C.) is then made out for the amount payable after deduction; it is signed by the Director, or Superintendent, and properly endorsed. The Clerk also makes out a memorandum (C.W.2 P.W.2) stating the transaction in detail, and giving the net value of each parcel.

10. When the depositor presents his receipt, (Chart. V.) he signs the receipt on the back of the Warrant, and the duplicate in the Margin of the Warrant Book. The Coins are then paid to him, and he receives likewise the memorandum above mentioned.

11. The several deposites are opened upon the Treasurer's Registers, and are examined up monthly.

B. Of the Deposits of Bullion for Coinage.

1. When the Treasurer is unprovided with funds of the United States to purchase deposits, or if the deposite is so large that it cannot be met with funds on hand, it is received on credit to the Depositor, who must await its Coinage.

2. Every step is taken as before up to paragraph 8 inclusive. The Treasurer issues to the Depositor his negotiable certificate for the net value, together with a memorandum. The deposite is credited on the Bullion Journal for the amount, and when the deposite is paid upon the Director's (or Superintendent's) Warrant, he is charged with the same, & the certificate is returned with the Warrant. All the Warrants and forms heretofore used at the Branch Mint at New Orleans, were based upon this system of deposites, it having been, until within one year, the usual course at this Mint. It is now, however, entirely superseded by the system of prompt payments, and will not be called into use except upon the withdrawal of Government funds.

C. Of the accounts of Officers in the Mint.

The only Officers who account with each other are the Treasurer with the Melter & Refiner, and the Treasurer with the Coiner. The small parcels of bullion, which are employed by the Assayer in his operations are, in point of law, within the custody of the Melter & Refiner.

From time to time, the Treasurer (by his Weigher) delivers gold and silver bullion and clippings to the Melter & Refiner; both these Officers make entries of such deliveries on small weigh books. The Melter & Refiner is charged with the standard weight of

depositor, and with the actual weight of Clippings, which are always presumed to be of standard fineness.

As soon as the ingots are ready for weighing, assays are taken from each melt by the Assayer. That Office reports the fineness of such as are within the proper limits; others are reported as condemned, and must be returned by the Melter & Refiner for remelting. (R.S. 3524.) Gold ingots may vary from standard fineness, one thousandth, that is from 899 to 901, and silver ingots two thousandths, that is from 898 to 902, agreably to Mint regulations.

The Assayer's Report of approved ingots are kept on file by the Treasurer. The ingots having been approved, the Coiner, the Melter & Refiner, and Weigher, attend at the Weighing, and at least two accounts must be taken of the weights, as the law. It is necessary that the Coiner should attend (as well as the Melter & Refiner) because the ingots are weighed but once, and the delivery to the Treasurer by the Melter & Refiner, is simultaneous with the delivery, by the Treasurer, to the Coiner.

This method is adopted also with respect to the delivery of Clippings.

In weighing gold ingots for half eagles, it is usual to put seven in each draught; ingots for quarter eagles, twelve in a draught. Gold Clippings are weighed in draughts of 25 pounds exactly. The draughts of gold are rendered to hundredths of an ounce; each weight is entered separately in pounds, ounces, and hundredths of an ounce; when the weighing is completed, the sum is taken and reduced to ounces, and hundredths of an ounce, from which is invariably deducted (whether the tale be ingots or clippings) $\frac{5}{100}$ths of an ounce for each draught, as an allowance for dirt, grease, &c. The remainder is the true weight

to be debited or credited. All these calculations must appear at large on each Weighing-Book.

In weighing silver ingots for half-dollars or half-dimes, it is usual to put 24 in each draught; ingots for quarter dollars, 344, and ingots for dimes, 20 in a draught. Silver Clippings are weighed in draughts of 70 pounds exactly. The draughts of silver are weighed and entered to $\frac{1}{100}$ths (.01) of an ounce. The same course is then pursued, as just stated, for gold, except that the deduction from each draught of silver ingots or clippings is $\frac{20}{100}$ (.20) of an ounce.

Whenever the Coiner is about making a delivery of coins to the Treasurer, he gives notice to the latter to attend at the weighing, at which time it is to be ascertained that the coins are within the limits prescribed by law, agreably to the 25th & 26th Sections of the act of January 18th, 1837. The coins being approved, are delivered to the Treasurer by tale, and the standard weight is deducted therefrom by calculation, & exchanged. At the time of such delivery, the Assayer also attends, while the Treasurer takes one piece from every 1000 pcs of gold, or 5000 pieces of silver (before the actual delivery) as an assay piece, agreably to Section 27 th; said pieces are noted in a book kept for the purpose, stating their number, kind, weight, value, and to what warrants they correspond; they are then enveloped in papers properly endorsed, and forwarded by mail to the Director of the Mint at Philadelphia. The Journal only, Gold (excepting Coins reserved for Assaying) remains in the Treasurer of the Branch Mint, who is charged with the coins, and in whose custody they remain, in point of law, although transmitted to the principal Mint. At the latter place they are received as a deposite for Coinage, and, after the annual assays, coins will be

returned therefor, equivalent to their value as standard bullion, or will be placed to the credit of the Treasurer of the Branch Mint, subject to his draft.

At the close of the month, the Treasurer, Coiner, and Melter & Refiner severally, each in his own book appropriated for that purpose, the various deliveries of bullion, ingots, clippings and coins, & take account again, in standard weight and value, the Treasurer's Clerk makes out Warrants for the same, (agreeably to the forms sent herewith) as if the various daily deliveries, of each kind, constituted one delivery, at the end of the month. These warrants are signed by the Director, (or Superintendent) receipted at the backs, and form the basis of the Treasurer's Journal Entries. (S) They are forwarded also to Washington quarterly with other Vouchers.

At the end of each month the Treasurer's Clerk journalizes the Bullion transactions, agreeably to the forms. (S.) These entries are next posted in the Bullion Ledger, agreeably to accompanying specimens. (S.)

All the accounts are closed and balanced, on the last days of March, June, September and December. As soon thereafter as it can conveniently be done, abstracts of these accounts, agreeably to the accompanying forms, are made out & signed by the proper officers, the Coiner and Melter & Refiner, furnishing counter statements of their accounts of Gold & Silver. (See forms) These statements or abstracts, together with the various warrants and Assayer's Reports upon Bullion, and the Ordinary Accounts to be hereafter noticed, are made up into one package, and, together with an explanatory letter, sent to the first Auditor at Washington.

On the last day of each year, the contents of the vaults of the Coiner, and Melter & Refiner, are delivered to the Treasurer, accompanied with statements of the two officers first named, of the amount of bullion of each kind, (gold or silver) received and returned by them respectively during the year exclusive of balances; also, the amount returned for the purpose of settlement, and the amount of the allowances which they respectively receive as wastage.

The Melter & Refiner shall also present, at that time, his account of silver used for alloy; and a fair estimate of the proceeds, of the (deductively) all charges, of such sweeps as he may have melted; such estimate to be verified by trials and calculations of the Assayer, and if their various accounts shall be found just by the Treasurer, and if the Director, (or Superintendent) shall be well satisfied that there has been a bona fide waste of the precious metals, and necessary consumption of silver alloy, equal to the amount claimed, he shall allow the same by his Warrants. (R. I.) provided the claim do not exceed the limits presented in Sections 23 and 29 of the law already referred to.

Instructions in relation to the accounts of Ordinary Expenses of the Mint Establishment.

The Ordinary Accounts are thus classified.

1. Salaries of the Officers and Clerks of the Mint.
2. Wages of Laborers.
3. Incidental & Contingent Expenses & Repairs of the Mint.

See Specimens of Journal Entries (O) & Ledger Entries (P)

In the transactions of the Ordinary accounts, a bill pro-

sented to the Treasurer, must be signed or approved by the Officer ordering the articles mentioned in the bill.

An Ordinary Warrant, X signed by the Director (or Superintendent) for the amount, is then made out X numbered, which must be receipted on the back, and, upon being presented to the Treasurer, is paid.

A Bill Book is kept, in which copies of all the bills are entered, the number of all the Warrants and the dates of the payments.

A Book is also kept, entitled "List of Warrants for Ordinary Expenses", in which the date, number, and amount of each Warrant, as well as the person, in whose favor it is drawn, and briefly for what sort of expenditure, are stated; these amounts are closed and cast up in the book quarterly.

Every Warrant on close the bill for the payment of which it is issued, and is filed according to its number, and the class to which it belongs, to be forwarded to the Department, quarterly.

All the accounts between the Treasurer of the Branch Mint at New Orleans and the Treasurer, or the Director of the Mint at Philadelphia, for money transmitted, or articles purchased, will be of a subsidiary character, and will not be returned to the Department. The receipts taken here will be forwarded to New Orleans always at the close of each quarter, and in time to be included in the quarterly accounts.

To/ David Bradford Esq.
Sup.t of Branch Mint,
New Orleans.

U S B Mint New Orleans
May 22nd 1838.

Sir,

I had the pleasure of writing you by Judge Butler (enclosing a Dime, one of thirty pieces struck at this Branch on the 7th inst.) who sailed in the Huntsville about ten days since. Mr. Tyler had impaired his health by his too great assiduity and exertions to make a Commencement of Coining and on the suggestion of Mr. Gordon that a change of air was requisite for him, he crossed the Lake and went to Covington but came back in two days and though better is not yet in good health. He is exceedingly pleased with his annealing furnace: he yesterday rolled a quantity of silver very successfully. We had to take down and readjust the Dime Coining Press which is now nearly in readiness for operation.

Mr. Tyler had written ~~had written~~ to Messrs. Miller of your City for bricks and tiles and expected the Bill would have been presented to you for payment. The Bill of lading and of the Cost of the same have just arrived here and he wished me to say to you that the Bill would be paid here. Two twenty five Cents Dies have arrived.

I enclose at the Request of Saml. Mc. Vance, a draft on the Bank of the United States for $111.00 which he requests to be paid to his wife.

Yr. Ob. Hble. Servt.
David Bradford
Superintendent

Mint of the United States,
May 22nd, 1838.

Sir,

The Assay pieces referred to in your letter of the 5th inst. were received from the Secretary of the Treasury, Yesterday. Those from the Standard ingots have been duly assayed by Mr. S. Eckfeldt & and I now report to you the following results.

No. 1	—	897. 8
" 2	—	897. 8
" 3	—	900. 4
" 4	—	898. 6
" 5	—	899. 5
" 6	—	900. 8
" 7	—	901. 7
" 8	—	898. 6
" 9	—	900.
" 10	—	900. 8
" 11	—	900. 4
" 12	—	899. 5
" 13	—	901. 3
" 14	—	900. 4
" 15	—	898. 2

As these assays are all within the limits allowed by law, the Coins made from the ingots may be received; although as you have remarked, the 2nd according to our assay, the 1st also, are a little beyond the limits of the

Mint regulations.

You will observe that the correspondence of Mr. Eckfeldt's assays with Dr. Hoit's is quite satisfactory, none of them differing quite a millitem.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful Servant

(Signed) R. M. Patterson
Director

To
Daniel Bradford, Esq.
Supt. Br. Mint
New Orleans.

Mint of the United States,
May 21, 1838

Sir,

You know my extreme anxiety to procure our Mint deposits if possible, and it is now reduced so low that the loss of even a moderate amount of coins would be felt by us, and the more so as our sentiments is invariable. You will excuse me therefore, for the suggestion which I am about to make.

Hold, as Director, a Treasury draft on the Mint, No. 2330, for $3000 to pay bills of the New Orleans Branch, and Commissary General Calender Irvine has a Treasury draft on the Mint, No. 3484, for $26,000. Then the Mint can pay only in Coins, and we should both be quite as well contented with Treasury bills, which you are now authorized to issue. May I then

ask you to issue a warrant in my favor for $29,000 to take up those drafts, and to remit the amount to be forwarded to me in Treasury bills? I am not sufficiently acquainted with the Treasury forms, to indicate the precise proceeding in this case, but you know the object I have in view, and I am authorized by Gen. Scott to say that he will join me in any course that will effect it;—should it even be the returning and cancelling of our present drafts.

Your immediate action in the case is of great importance, particularly to Gen. Scott.

Most respectfully
Your faithful Servant
R. M. Patterson
Director

To
Hon. Levi Woodbury
Sec. of Treasury.

P.S. The box containing assay-pieces forwarded, though from the Bryant & Stratton College, received.

Mint of the United States
May 14th, 1838

Sir,

Your communication of the 8th inst., contains the report of the proceedings of your Mint for April, was received this morning.

Whatever balance may remain, of your appropriations, unexpended, it will be vain to draw on the treasury for it until some course shall be taken by Congress to relieve the embarrassments of the government. The treasury is empty.

Your deposites for April are quite respectable. I hope soon to hear of your having commenced coining, as both the other Branch Mints have done.

R. M. P.

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W. David Bradford Esq
Supt. Br. Mint
New Orleans

U. S. B. Mint New Orleans
May 12th 1838.

Dr R. M. Patterson,
Sir,

I have the pleasure of enclosing you a Specimen of our Coinage, a Dime, one of thirty pieces struck on the 8th inst. Mr Tyler found the press required readjusting and that there was danger of breaking it and only struck a few pieces; ten of which were deposited in the Corner Stone of the New American Theatre which was laid the same day: the remainder distributed as mementos of the event.

I also enclose Mr Lassere's Bond and Oath of Office. I expect my most estimable friend Judge Butler will hand you this, and I feel great pleasure at communicating through him the enclosed.

Your Hum. Svt
David Bradford
Supt.

U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans Nov 9. 1839

R. M. Patterson Esq^r

Sir,

I have just received a note from the Foreman of the Melting & Refiners department in which among other articles to be purchased for the use of that Department, he mentions the following which are not to be procured here

2 doz Separating bottles
½ doz glass funnels
3 Copper Siphons (a Porter Sigg)

You would much oblige me by sending them out as soon as practicable —

I am respectfully
Your obed^t Servant
J. Mickle
Sup^t

Mint U.S.
Nov. 9 / 39.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th, in answer to my inquiry respecting the salaries of the officers who died at the New Orleans Branch Mint, and I have communicated your reply to the Engineer of that Mint.

I received this morning, a letter from Joseph M. Kennedy Esq acknowledging my notice of his appointment as Superintendent of the New Orleans Mint, and signifying his acceptance of the office.

Gov. Findlay sends by this mail, his new bond. As this will remove the difficulty as to the remittance asked by me on the 22d ult., may I take the liberty of asking that the draft for the amount may not be on the Mint itself. Our deposite is now so near to the minimum requisite for advantageous operation in the Mint, and the certainty of prompt payments, that I hope nothing but absolute necessity may cause it to be refused.

Hon. Levi Woodbury
Sec. of Treasury.

A. M. P.

New Orleans Octob 7th 1839.

Sir

A professional visit to a sick relative on the other side of the Lakes delays a reply to your confidential communication of the 24th of September. It will be out of my power to undertake direct & decisive answers to all your queries until the return of Dr Riddell which cannot take place before the twenty fifth of this month.

I am certain that he will be disposed to undertake the duties of the office because he has frequently expressed a wish to leave that of surgeon. This I am informed will be equally valuable & may eventually lead to the other.

Of Dr Riddells political sentiments I have no knowledge. He must speak for

himself. I am inclined to believe that he will be the democratic candidate at the next congressional election.

If the Gordon recommendation be not persisted, the candidate can probably get it himself at his return. I can readily procure other names much more desirable here & equally influential at Washington. (Not knowing to whom myself)

As I have been the cause of some trouble to you in this affair I will communicate to you whatever intelligence I receive in the 12th by the arrival of the S. P. Columbia. The general absence of our citizens will prevent any further recommendations for several weeks. Trusting for that which & mine may receive in the power of our colleague the same distinction in part, I do

gratefully acknowledge to you. I remain with great consideration

Your obed Servt.

James Jones.

To

Lt. R. M. Patterson.

Superintendent of the

Mint of the United States

Philadelphia

Branch Mint of the U. S.
New Orleans, Nov 6. 1839

R. M. Patterson Esq^r.

Sir

You will receive by this mail my bond, approved by the acting District Attorney, and also my oath of office - The delay attending my compliance with the requisitions of the law in this respect, has been occasioned, first, by the absence from the City, of the gentleman above mentioned and secondly, by his indisposition for some days after his return -

I have the honor to be

Very respectfully Y^r. obed^t. Serv^t.

J. McKennedy
Sup^t.

Mint of the United States,
Nov 4 1839.

Sir, I have duly received your letter of the 22d ult. Herewith is sent to you a statement of my account of Moneys received and paid out, for Expenses of your Branch Mint incurred here during the 3d quarter of 1839; with the necessary receipts as vouchers. You will notice that Voucher No 49 needs the endorsement of Joseph B. Hannstaed to make it complete; and as he is still at New Orleans, you can probably obtain it without difficulty. You will perceive that the balance in our hands is $2488.87, — the ~~last~~ amount mentioned in your letter ~~of the 22d ult~~ as $3174.65 having been the balance at the end of the last quarter.

Your question, whether the salaries of Messrs Maxwell and Taylor can be allowed up to the end of the quarter in which they died, I am not able to answer; but I will make the inquiry of the Secretary of the Treasury, and let you know the decision. The claim is certainly just. Whether it may be legal, but doubtless

Your bond was sent by me, as proposed, to the Secretary of the Treasury, on the 11th of October; so that I presume you have received, by this time, the remittance asked for.

As the law is explicit with regard to the allowance of the privilege of coin, I cannot let the bills diverge until you have sent me a letter of the Treasurer as to pass from the Mint. Whatever may be the inconvenience, the law must be obeyed. I beg also to call your attention to a clause in the 30th Sect. of the Mint Act, which has been neglected, at Charleston, at your Mint. It is that "the payments shall be made, if demanded, in the order in which the bullion shall have been brought to the Mint, giving priority according to priority of deposite only." In the face of this explicit enactment, payments are habitually made, of checks, while old depositors, of long standing, are unpaid, and some even more urgently pressed. I wish, then, that it be understood that no new depositors are to be paid until all the old ones are paid off.

We are preparing a full communication on the subject of the accounts at your Mint, in consequence of ~~your~~ inquiries from it there as rendered at Washington. This communication I will send to Mr. Kennedy in a short time.

Have not yet heard from any of the new "Officers," since their appointment.

R. M. P.

Dft

Horace C. Cammack, Esq.
Treasurer of Branch Mint
New Orleans.

Branch Mint of the United States.
New Orleans Nov 4th 1839.

Dear Sir

Yours of the 22d ult. was received in due time, together with a list of applicants for situation in this Mint.

I had selected the full complement of workmen and submitted a list of their names to the Superintendent, who cheerfully approved of my selection, so that none of them in your list will be required at present.

I have spoken to Mr Kennedy (as you requested) in regard to Mr J Thurston's application but not until all the hands were engaged, which saved me the necessity of objecting to his engagement as I knew him to be useless and extremely troublesome. Mr Kennedy will write you his decision on the same subject.

I am happy to inform you that I was fully acquainted with the views of my late brother in relation to the improvement in the coining press as suggested in your letter of the 31st July last, and to do his memory justice (which it is he did not claim in his letter to you) I can state that he had discovered the same improvement some months previous, and had determined on adopting it. I commenced operation on the 1st inst. and the above was the first

work [illegible] in Banks. —

I fully appreciate your kind advice, and shall endeavor at all times, to understand, and act in accordance with the views of the Supt & and to co-operate cheerfully with the other officers of the institution. Though I sincerely regret that from a knowledge of circumstances which have transpired both before & since my brothers death, I am compelled to believe, that Dr Hart will lose no opportunity to prejudice the minds of the new officers.

As I have but little knowledge of working gold, I should be pleased with information from you in relation to it, particularly of the use of Borax in annealing strips, also of cleaning the planchets &c with any other information which you may deem of importance to me or my department.

My brother informed me previous to his death: that he had coined $20.000. in gold, without the necessity of adjusting a single planchet with the file. This was the result of an improvement in the in the mode of annealing.

I beg Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant.
Philos B Taylor.
Coiner U.S. Branch Mint

To Dr R M. Patterson &
Director U.S Mint

Treasurer's office U. S. branch Mint
New Orleans 1 Nov 1839

Dear Sir

I wrote to you on the 28th and now have the pleasure of informing you that the books of the Mint have been balanced - The small difference mentioned was discovered to be an error in the addition, which has been corrected - assoon as the accounts can be copied we will forward them to the Secretary of the Treasury - In the mean time I enclose you a copy of the balance sheet for your own satisfaction

Mr Bradford is in town and tomorrow the necessary warrants will be signed to close the accounts of the late Coiner, and Melter & Refiner.

I am, very sincerely
your most obt
A. B. Cammack
Treasurer

To
Dr R. M. Patterson
Director U. S. Mint

Rec'd Jan. 23/40

1839		By Amount brought forward			$5109.47	219 08
May	15	for alloy	per Assayers report N° 158	.28		
"	"	do	" " " 159	.32		
"	18	do	" " " 161	2.58		
"	23	Separating Gold & alloy	" " " 168	21.37		
"	"	do do	" " " 169	10.66		
"	25	Alloy	" " " 175	.77		
"	27	do	" " " 180	.23		
"	30	Separating Gold & alloy	" " " 184	9.27		
June	3	Alloy	" " " 186	2.62		
"	17	Separating Gold & alloy	" " " 209	5.35		
"	19	do & do	" " " 211	6.73		
"	"	do & do	" " " 215	2.57		
"	"	do & do	" " " 216	2.96		
"	21	Alloy	" " " 225	.46		
July	17	do	" " "	1.19		
"	26	Separating & Alloy	" " "	.13		
"	29	Separating Gold & alloy	" " "	62.21		
"	"	do & do	" " "		42.26	
"	30	do & do	" " "		124.54	
"	"	do & do	" " "		1.79	
August	3	do & do	" " " 280		572.15	
"	5	do & do	" " " 281		34.72	
"	6	do & do	" " "		42.58	
"	"	do & do	" " " 282		306.14	
"	"	do & do	" " " 283		6.21	
"	"	do & do	" " " 284		12.27	
"	"	do & do	" " " 286		12.86	
"	"	do & do	" " " 294		4.51	
"	7	do & do	" " " 295		99.84	
"	9	do & do	" " "		3.47	
"	10	Alloy	" " " 299		1.41	4585 09
July	31	Excess of Wastage allowed to the Coiner at the Settlement of 31st January last above the actual loss from the commencement to the 30th June 1839. as per his a/c	188.79 oz Standard Silver			2 19 69
August	31	Difference resulting in the following accounts between the additions of Debits & Credits and the result of the aggregate weight of Bullion on hand reduced to the same currency viz:				
		Coiner his account of Silver, difference		3 94		
		Melter & Refiner his a/c of Gold		9 73	15 67	
			Dollars		5059 53	
1839						
Oct.	31	By Amount transferred from Old Bank's being balance of this a/c			4077 41	
"	"	this amount being excess in Gold Bullion received from the Curator of the Estate of the late Melter & Refiner, over and above the balance standing to his debit in a/c & charged to him to balance a/c			502 99	
			Dollars		4580 40	

E. E.

Branch Mint of the United States New Orleans
Treasurer's Office 31st October 1839.

N. C. Cummock
Treas.r

Dr Profit and Loss Cr

1839			Dollars	cts	1838			Dollars	cts
January	31	To allowance made to the Comer & passed to his Credit, in pursuance of a warrant of the Sup.t N.o 1 for Wastage on 165.187.90 Gs Silver Bullion delivered to him in Ingots from 1st May 1838 to 31st January 1839 inclusive. 330.37 Gs Stand.d Silver	3	43	March	31	By sundry deductions from the following purchases of Gold & Silver Bullion from 1st March 1838 to 31st August 1839 inclusive, as per Assayer's Reports numbered as follows, viz:		
"	"	allowance made to the Miller & Refiner and passed to his Credit in pursuance of a warrant of the Sup.t N.o 1 for wastage on 201.947.06 Gs Silver Bullion delivered to him from the 1st May 1838 to 31st January 1839 inclusive, 403.89 Gs Stand.d Silver	4	98	April	30	for alloy per Assayer's report N.o 1	15	70
					May	31	do do do 2	1	23
					June	30	do do do 3	22	83
					July	31	do do do 5	3	24
					August	31	do do do 8	1	62
							do do do 11	1	07
							do do do 13		94
							do do do 17		70
							do do do 18		70
August	31	this amount overpaid for a Silver deposit made on 8 May 1839 by S Manaraille, the Certificate having been issued for £100.17 instead of £99.73 difference		1	16	March	23	separating Silver	12	08
							6 alloy	2	21
							23 do		35
							31 do		60
							April 24 do	16	34
							25 do	20	27
							26 do	11	66
							27 do		80
		this amount overpaid for a Silver deposit made on 22 June 1839 by C H Jones the Certificate having been issued for £100.72 instead of £99.25 difference		1	50	April	24 separating & alloy	5	79
						May	30 separating & alloy	55	57
						June	10 alloy	1	63
							10 do		53
							17 do		74
							17 do	1	45
							19 do	1	65
							19 do	1	80
							19 do		15
							19 do		42
							19 do	1	77
						July	26 do		14
							29 do	4	35
							30 do		32
						August	3 do	3	91
							5 do		10
							6 do		53
							6 do		64
							6 do		35
							6 do	2	34
							7 do		68
							7 do		47
					1838				219 08
					March	8	separating Gold & alloy	872	32
							do	113	04
							longhening & alloy	7	31
							alloy	5	09
							27 separating Gold & alloy	565	17
					April	10	do do	321	38
							alloy	2	20
							12 do	251	50
							24 do	4	10
							27 do & longhening	1	57
					May	2	separating Gold & alloy	209	60
						10	longhening & alloy	21	29
					June	2	alloy		84
						21	separating Gold & alloy	176	12
						22	longhening & alloy	53	51
						27	alloy	12	09
					July	12	do	1	65
					August	22	separating Gold & alloy	207	17
					Nov.r 1837	26	alloy		61
					June	10	do	1	12
						22	separating Gold & alloy	26	66
					Feby	2	separating & do	36	91
						4	alloy		27
						11	separating Gold & alloy	5	21
						16	alloy		30
						21	separating Gold & alloy	3	40
							alloy	2	62
						28	do		54
					March	5	do		55
							separating Gold & alloy	11	33
							do & do	3	41
						21	alloy	2	92
						23	separating Gold & alloy	2	62
							alloy		62
							do		93
					April	8	do	1	74
					May	1	separating Gold & alloy	2	62
						15	alloy		21
		To this sum to balance the account of Silver Bullion purchased for Coinage being difference between the amount of Silver Bullion called for on the Books, and that delivered to H.C. Cammack Treasurer, viz.t 80488.77 Gs Silver Bull.n balance per Books and 80416.42 Gs amount delivered to said Treasurer, making a difference of 72.35 Gs or		84	19						
		Amount Carried forward	962	12			Amount Carried forward	3109.47	219 08

1839		To Amount brought forward		962	12
Sept.	30	" Amount transferred to the new Books, being balance of this account		4077	41
			Dollars	5039	53
1839					
Oct.	31	To Allowance made to the Coiner & passed to his Credit in pursuance of a warrant of the Supt. N° 3 for wastage on 4034 $\frac{333}{1000}$ oz of Gold bullion delivered to him in Ingots from 1st Sept. to 31st August 1839 inclusive 2.164 oz Standard Gold		43	15
"	"	" Allowance made to the Coiner & passed to his Credit in pursuance of a warrant of the Supt. N° 2 for wastage on 341.291 $\frac{33}{100}$ oz of Silver Bullion delivered to him in Ingots from 1st Sept. to 31st August 1839 inclusive, 165. 11 oz Standard Silver		132	17
"	"	" Allowance made to the Melter & Refiner & passed to his Credit in pursuance of a Warrant of the Supt. N° 2 for Wastage on 306.212 oz Standard Silver delivered to him from 1st Sept. to 31st August 1839 inclusive, & Sweeps & Alloy in Gold 813.750 oz Standard Silver		597	52
"	"	" Balance per new Books this a/c remaining open from date		3741	44
			Dollars	4580	40

Notes on the Melter & Refiners Account of Silver.

	Ounces, &c	Dollars, &c
I. The first credit is "By Silver Bullion" This consists of	179,795 410	209,216 116"
1st. Actual returns of Silver Bullion by the Melter & Refiner, from Oct. 1 to Dec. 31, 1841, as stated in the Account rendered by the Treasurer to the Department, Dec. 31st, 1841,	179,511 01	208,889 02
2d. The cost of smelting 30 cent of sweeps (50 per cent.) left by the late Melter & Refiner. This amount was charged to the present M. & R. at its gross value: it should have been charged at its Net value. It is proposed therefore to relieve him from the cost of Smelting. From the "Summary" sent by the Auditor this would seem to have been done by taking the amount from Ordinary Expenses a/c. Now if this account forts with it, it must go into the M. & R.'s hands without charge must be presented by him to the Treasurer in the Shape of Silver Bullion. It would thus be properly included in the above credit —	193 36	225 00
3. The "Silver Coinage" stated in the "Summary" rec'd from the Auditor to have been received from the M. & R. to balance his a/c. This also must be in the Shape of Bullion; as it is to balanced in Bullion a/c	88 03	102 114
Making, as above,	179,795 410	209,216 116

II. The second credit in the account (in red ink,) is intended as a substitute for the same amount included in the first credit, as stated above (I. 2d) and is made upon the assumption that the Wastage of the late M. & R. will bear this increase, & still be within legal limits. — From the Profit & Loss Account

Notes continued.

	Ounces, &c	Dollars, &c.
of New Orleans Br. Mint, Oct. 31, 1839, it appears that the late M. & R., Mr. Maxwells Silver Account was credited by "Allowance in pursuance of a Warrant of the Superintendent No. 2, for Wastage on 306,212 g. Silver Bullion delivered him from Jan 1 to Aug. 31, 1839, inclusive, and Sweeps and Alloy in gold,	513 75	597 82
Now the Sweeps left by Mr. Maxwell was 300 lb. 7 millesimes fine, =	306 25	356 37
And if the above allowance of 513.75 g. was not all wastage, but was partly for "Sweeps & alloy in gold", then, as the Sweeps was 306.25 g., the remainder must be "Wastage & alloy in gold", and is only	207 50	241 446
Full wastage on 306,212 g. is	612 42	712 63
So that Mr. Maxwells wastage will bear an increase of	404 92	471 17

Now if the late M. & R., Mr. Maxwells Account had been credited, (or it should have been) with the Net instead of the gross value of his sweeps, the difference (193.36 g) would have been added, (necessarily) to his wastage In the entry in red ink it is proposed to relieve the present M. & R. Dr. Riddell, by doing what should have been done Oct. 31, 39, viz increasing Mr. Maxwells wastage, & thus prevent the necessity of calling upon the Ordinary Expenses Account. — It is presumed that the Accounts of Oct. 31, 1839, on file at the Department, will show whether the above item of Mr. Maxwells wastage is correct

R. M. Pattison Esq.r

Sir,

Allow me to make my acknowledgements to you for the satisfaction you expressed at my having received from the President, the office of Superintendent of the N. O. Branch Mint in this City, and to state, that no exertion shall be wanting, on my part, to realize your expectations in relation to the fulfillment of my duties.

I have, in accordance with your request, shewn your last letter to Mr. Tyler as well as the bond which it enclosed. Dr. Riddell, who has been absent I believe during the whole Summer, is expected to return in the course of this week. I will on his arrival, make the same communication to him.

My own bond, together with the certificate of the acting District Attorney and my oath of office, I will transmit to you in a day or two.

Very respectfully
Your faithful Servant
J. B. McKennie

N. Orleans Oct 29th 1839.

Treasurers Office U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans 28 October 1839

Dear Sir

Annexed is Copy of a letter which I addressed to Mr Bradford on the 25th June that date we have been informed of the new appointments made in the Mint.—

You will observe that we are without money or nearly so, and perhaps it would be well for us to receive a part of what you have in hand belonging to the Branch, of this however, you can judge better than I can, as you well know what has to be paid in Philadelphia for articles to be purchased and sent here.

The late Treasurers Books have at last been brought up by Mr Wickes, Mr Lasere not having been here for some time, and the Coinage account appears deficient $2149.19 and there is 72.$\frac{35}{100}$ oz short in the Silver Bullion account.— The Books do not balance by a small difference, an examination will have to be made of them, and if we do not find the error, we will open a new bill.— One or two trifling errors, between amount of Certificates issued, and the nett value of deposites, have been corrected. There is one, however, about which I am

at a loss Manuel Fragoso on 8th August deposited Bullion valued at $ 125.37, a Certificate was issued for $ 153.92. was paid on the 8th the difference stands to his debit—

Mr Linsley I understand has gone to Texas, and I have been informed that his family intend to pay the balance of the Coinage account, as soon as the amount can be satisfactorily ascertained.

I am very respectfully,
Yours most truly
H. Clammack
Treasurer

Copy

Treasurers Office U. S. Branch Mint,
New Orleans 25th Oct 1839

Dear Sir

I have to day received from William Allen Esq. Treasurer of the United States, a Treasury draft for Twelve Thousand Dollars, drawn on this Mint, and remitted for the use of the Contingent fund, in conformity to your request made in August last. More than this sum having been already used out of the Bullion account, to defray Contingent expenses, by the late Treasurer, I doubt if it would be proper to use this draft except towards replacing that sum, even if there were Coins enough in the Mint to pay it, which, however, is not now the case.

We have in the Office now, in the Contingent fund, only $ 834.70 cts. which sum is not sufficient to pay the expenses of this month, which will be due in a few days. I will be glad to have your instructions and advice on the points alluded to, and remain

very respectfully
Yours very truly
Signed H. Clammack
Treasurer

To
David Bradford Esq
Superintendent U. S. Branch Mint
St Bronneville

Philadelphia Octo 24th 1837

Dear

Peters Patterson

Superintendent of the U.S. mint Philad.

Sir

My son is recommended to Thomas Poole of this City for a Situation in the U.S. Mint at New Orleans which I am to be on board Water and understand Colleges on the Coast must depart—

Richard Bache Jr.

James Bache

Mint U. S.
Philadelphia, Oct 21/37.

Sir,

Your letter dated the 7th inst. was not received until this morning. In reply to it I have to state, that all the papers recommending you to the office of Melter & Refiner of the New Orleans Mint are placed before the President, and, so far as I know and believe, none that in any manner impugned your character. You will have learned, before the receipt of this letter, that the vacant place has been filled by the appointment of Professor Riddell, of the Medical College of New Orleans; but it would be unjust to infer that this selection throws any imputation upon the personal or scientific claims of any other candidate.

R. M. P.

To/
Mr. E. P. Trastour,
New Orleans.

Detroit Mich
Oct. 19th, 1839.

Sir,

I send herewith a form of the bond to be given by yourself & the other newly appointed officers of the 2nd Collection District of Michigan. The amount of the bond will be the same for all; and I deem it sufficient for the offices in question, although the sum required of the Surveyor was $20,000. As to you yourself, the bond should be in a sum to be ~~commensurate with the trust reposed in you~~ in as much as you have no pecuniary trust reposed in you: the law, however, requires that you give one.

I will pray you to do me the favor to see Dr. Riddell and Mr. Sykes, and give them the use of your form for their bonds.

You will please to have the sufficiency of the Sureties certified by the U.S. District Attorney, or the gentleman acting in his place.

Another duty to be performed by you all by the law is to take an oath ~~of office~~ or affirmation before some judge of the United States, or judge of the

superior court or any court of record "to you faithfully and diligently to perform the duties" of your office.

All those papers are to be forwarded to me.

I am prevented from writing to Gov. Gen. Riddell and Gen. Taylor, as I had intended; but if you will see them and communicate to them the contents of this letter, my object in writing to me to them will be attained.

Send you, by this mail, a copy of the Picayune.

P. M. P.

To
Joseph M. Kennedy, Esq
New Orleans.

Mint U.S.
Oct. 18, 1839.

Sir,

A letter just received from the Secretary of the Treasury announces to me your appointment as Superintendent of the Branch Mint at New Orleans, in the place of David Bradford Esq. and states that the your Commission will be made out and transmitted to you as soon as practicable. I address you this to appointment giving me great satisfaction, as I am satisfied, from the character which I have heard of you, from many sources, that you will fill the station with fidelity and dignity.

Your new associates will be Dr. John L. Riddell, as Melter & Refiner, and Mr. Philip B. Taylor as Coiner. Dr. Hurst will retain his place as Assayer.

As we might, I will write to you again tomorrow, and give you instructions as to your bond &c.

I am, Sir, with great respect,
Your faithful Servant
R. M. Patterson,
Director

To/ Joseph M. Kennedy, Esq.
New Orleans.

Mint U. S.
Oct. 18 / 39.

Sir,

A letter just received from the Secretary of the Treasury announces to me your appointment as Melter & Refiner of the Branch Mint at New Orleans.

I am (as it is late at night) only time now to give you this information, and to express my gratification at the appointment, which I anticipate that it will conduce to the benefit and credit of the Mint.

I will write to you again tomorrow, and give some needful instructions as to the course to be pursued by you in the event of your acceptance, which I hope you will be willing to do.

I am, with great respect,
Your faithful Servant
R. M. Patterson,
Director

Your associate will be Jno. L. Riddell Esq., as Superintendent, Dr. W.P. Hunt as Assayer, and Philos B. Tyler Esq., as Coiner.

Dr. John L. Riddell.
New Orleans.

Mint U.S.
Oct. 18th, 1839.

Sir,

A letter which I have received to-night from the Secretary of the Treasury informs me that the President has confirmed on you the appointment of Coiner of the Branch Mint at New Orleans.

I address you that this selection gives me great satisfaction, as I am convinced that you will fill the place of your lamented brother, with skill and fidelity.

Your associates will be Mr. Mc. Kennedy Esq as Superintendent Dr. Hort as Assayer, and Dr. Riddell as Melter and Refiner.

I will write to you again tomorrow, and give the necessary instructions as to your course on taking office.

Very respectfully
Your faithful Servant,
R. M. Patterson,
Director

To/ Philip B. Tyler Esq.
New Orleans.

Mint U. S.
Oct. 18 1839.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt, this evening, of your letter of the 16th, announcing the new appointments, made by the President, for the New Orleans Mint.

~~I shall write immediately to the gentlemen selected.~~

I shall duly written to the gentlemen appointed, and will give them ~~to~~ the necessary instructions, as you direct.

~~I have not troubled~~

I have also to acknowledge the receipt of the accounts of Thos. R. Parker, M.D. Consul at Antwerp, for the Belgium Coins transmitted by him to the Mint.

R. M. P.
D

The Hon. Levi Woodbury,
Sec. of Treasury.

It may be proper to mention that the legal title for Chief Coiner is "Coiner" and not "Chief Coiner."

Mint U. S.
Oct 17/39

Sir, I have the honor to send you herewith a letter from the Treasurer of the U. S. Mint, in answer to inquiries which I made of him respecting the nomination of Dr. Hurt all as Melter & Refiner, in the place of the late Chas. Maxwell. The opinion in favor of the nominee, expressed by Dr. Hurt I think of much importance, as, with his official aid, and with the help of experienced workmen, it is possible that the new Officer might enter upon his duties without the necessity of first visiting the Mint.

R. M. P.

Hon. Levi Woodbury
Sec. of Treasury.

Treasury Department
October 15. 1839

Sir

The President has, this day, directed the following appointments to be made of Officers of the Branch Mint at N. Orleans. Viz:
Joseph M. Kennedy to be Superintendent, in the place of Mr. Bradford — superseded.
Mr. John S. Riddle to be Melter & Refiner and
Philos B. Taylor to be Chief Coiner —
The Commissions will be made out and transmitted to New Orleans as soon as practicable - and I will thank you to give the necessary instructions to the Officers appointed, in relation to their bonds & the manner of keeping their accounts &c

I remain very Respy
Your Obed. Servt
Levi Woodbury
Sec. of the Treas.

OVER.

P.S. I transmit herewith an extract from the account of Thos. H. Parker Consul at the U.S. at Antwerp showing the cost of the Belgian Coin transmitted by him to the Mint.

Branch Mint N.O. 15 Dec 1839

Sir,

Having been requested by Mr Bradford to furnish you with the estimate for the Expences of this Branch Mint for the year 1840, I have consulted with Mr Cammack, & we are of opinion that this Branch will require $60.000 – to wit:

For Officers & Clerks	$ 12.900	
" Workmen	22.000	
" Contingent Expences	20.000	
" Wastage	5.100	$60.000

The amount for contingent expences exceeds that of the present year, because we shall probably have to increase the night guard very shortly, & during the Winter. Desperate attempts have been made to burn some of the Southern Cities, & there is evidence that a gang of incendiaries has reached this City from Mobile, which they have nearly destroyed. Great alarm exists here & the guards are every where doubled –

Very respectfully
Your Ob't Serv't
Wm P. Hort agt –

D.R. Patterson
Director U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Memorandum of Silver & Gold Coins reserved for assaying, from 20 February 1837 to 12th October and which have been enclosed in a Box for the purpose of being remitted to Dr. R. M. Patterson, Director of the U. S. Mint, for the annual assay, viz

Date		Dimes	½ Dimes	½ Dolls	¼ Eagles	Dolls	cts
1837							
Feby	20	2					20
"	"	1	1				15
"	22	4					40
"	26	8					80
March	8	23				2	30
"	18		4				20
"	23		9				45
April	6			7		3	50
"	9		4				20
"	12	5					50
"	16		12				60
"	20			4		2	00
"	23	1					10
"	30	9					90
May	9	6					60
"	13		10				50
"	21		6				30
"	29		11				55
"	29	3					30
"	"		20			1	00
Carried forward		62	77	11		15	55

Date		Eagles	½ Eagles	¼ Eagles	⅛ Eagles	Dollars	cts
Brot forw[d]		62	77	11		15	55
June	7	6					60
"	15	10				1	00
"	"		4				20
"	18	11				1	10
"	21	11				1	10
July	10	18				1	80
"	16	10				1	00
"	25		5				25
August	1			3		1	50
"	9				8	20	00
"	19			2		1	00
Octr	11			3		1	50
"	12		6				30
		128	92	19	8	46	90

24.25
25 00
3
49.50

46.90
35
47.25

24.25
25 00
3
49.50

46.90
35
47.25

Treasury Department
October 11. 1839.

Sir,

As the day is near at hand, on which it is proposed to resume operations at the Branch Mint at N. Orleans, it is desirable that the vacancies in that institution should be filled as soon as practicable - viz: that of Coiner, and Melter and Refiner.

I beg to call your attention to this subject and to request that you will, as soon as you have come to any conclusion ~~on the subject~~, present to the Department the names of such persons as are best qualified to fill those offices, that the commissions may be at once issued.

I remain very respy
Your Obed. Sr

Levi Woodbury
Sec. of the Treasury

P. S. I should be pleased to have your views as to the propriety of changing the superintendant - & to have all the recommendations that have been sent to you concerning any of these officers.

L. W.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Mint of the U. S.
Oct. 11. 1839.

Sir,

I have the honor to send you herewith the Bond of Horace C. Cammack as Treasurer of the Branch Mint at New Orleans, and which appears to me to be perfectly satisfactory. The sufficiency of the sureties is certified by the Judge of the District court of the United States, in consequence of the absence of the Attorney General and of his representative Mr. Guyon.

Mr. Cammack's oath of office is also sent enclosed.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful servant,
(Signed) R. M. Patterson,
Director.

To/
Hon. Levi Woodbury,
Sec. of Treasury.

Branch Mint of the United States.
New Orleans Oct 8th 1839.

Dr. R M. Patterson
Director of Mint

Dear Sir

Yours of the 18th ult. came to hand when I was sick with the fever and was not given to me until I was convalescent. I was informed however that Mr Cammack had applied to the President of the Nashville Rail Road Company for the recommendation you requested and had sent it to you. I have not yet been able to go out or I could no doubt procure such recommendations as would give you entire satisfaction. Martin Gordon Esq. is fully acquainted with me and has more than once given me his good advice. When it was first suggested to me by Mr Barthow to apply for the situation of Coiner of this Mint. I had not fully considered the subject, and I was so much engaged with my late Brothers estate and in arranging for the comfort of his family, that I had not been able to determine, previous to my sickness, in what course to pursue. But since receiving the suggestions of my friend Mr Baldwin (whose advice I always seek for in such cases) I have thought it a matter of much importance under our present circumstances that I should

apply for the situation before mentioned. I feel perfectly competent for the task, and believe I possess many advantages which would prove beneficial to the Government. Previous to my Brothers death I had made arrangements with workmen whom I had tried faithfully to supply the places of those who had died in his department. Perhaps it is known to you, that I was engaged in this business several months with my Brother, in arranging the machinery & putting it into operation in the first start. I have since been with him frequently when any difficulties occurred with the machinery, so that I have at all times been fully acquainted with the condition of his department. Should I be favoured with the appointment, my friends & those who have interested themselves in behalf of the family, may rest assured that my conduct will be such as to merit the confidence they have placed in me. Should the ~~situation~~ ~~appointment~~ be given to another, I have no doubt that with such friends as have shown themselves in this case, I shall be successful in some other business, which will enable me to support my late Brothers family. I have written to Mr Baldwin to procure such recommendations as he can of my friends in Phila. which I hope will be acceptable to you. Mrs Tyler is gaining her strength gradually, she looks upon her prospects with better cheer than she did, believing that her friends will not forget her. The family are all well. Mr Cammack has been very kind to us during my sickness. I have just received a note from him, informing me that an order of the Board of Robels was issued for raising the seals of the former mutes &c. requesting me to let him know the earliest time at which my health would enable me to attend to it. The matter is now here

Very Respectfully Your Humble Servant

Robert B. Tyler

P.S. You would favour the J. Institute, by saying to Mr Hamilton that the reason his draft for some books was protested, was because the made a mistake in the name writing it E.J. Forestall instead of E.J. Forestall & Co. as should have written it. When the correction is made there will be no further difficulty. My late Brother requested me to state as above just before he died. R.B.T.

New Orleans, 7 october 1839

Dr. A. Mr. Vallerson, Secretar U. S. Mint

Sir,

Whereas circumstances induced a large portion of the citizens of New-Orleans to believe that the place of Melter & refiner in the Branch mint in this city would become vacant, I announced my self as a candidate for this place. Without my taking any other step, a memorial was forwarded to his Excellency Martin Van Buren in my favour signed by the most respectable citizens of both parties, giving the most substantial evidence that I possessed the confidence of my fellow citizens and affording a pledge to the government of my ability to fill the office. The death of Mr. Magruder has created the anticipated vacancy, but my appointment has been opposed by a cabal of the enemies of the administration.
I have been informed that charges have been brought against me by persons who are unacquainted with me. I have therefore respectfully to request you that I may be made acquainted with the nature of those charges & the names of the individuals who have slandered me.
This is the first time in my life that my character has been assailed & it is because I am strong enough to present it unspotted that I make you the above request.

With great respect,
I remain
your obedient servant,
[illegible]

Mount. U.S. Phil. Oct. 3. '39.

Sir,

I have to thank you for your letter of the 23d ult., which I have just rec'd. The information which you convey shall be held strictly confidential.

L. Matthews, Esq. — R. Mt.
Pres't. W. Marine Ins. Co.
New Orleans.

Mount U.S.
Phil. Oct. 3. 39.

Sir, I have rec'd yr. communication of the 22d ult., for wh. I am very grateful to you. The information conveyed to me is of great importance, & your confidence shall not be betrayed.

R.M.P.

J. W. Zacharie, Esq.
New Orleans.

Dr. Branch Mint of the United States New Orleans Cr

1839			Dolls	cts	1839			Dolls	cts
Sept	30	To Gold Bullion purchased for Coinage for 3008.220 oz Standard Gold in the Hands of the Treasurer	58.966	51	Sept.	30	By M. de Lizardi & C. for Gold & Silver deposits due them	792	34
"	"	" Silver Bullion purchased for Coinage for 5616.42 oz Standard Silver in the Hands of the Treasurer	65.648	19	"	"	" J. W. Lachaise & C. do do do	73804	89
"	"	" The Coiner his account of Gold for 2794.483 oz Stand Gold to be accounted for by him	51.990	38	"	"	" The Louis. State Bank 1 Silver deposite due them	206	17
"	"	" The Coiner his account of Silver for 27606.40 oz Stand Silver to be accounted for by him	32.123	81	"	"	" J. D. Hyde & C. 1 do " "	1114	48
"	"	" The Melter & Refiner his account of Gold for 132.$^{240}_{100}$ oz Standard Gold	2.462	53	"	"	" W. A. Cock 1 Gold " "	231	95
"	"	" The Melter & Refiner his account of Silver for 12.001.$^{52}_{100}$ oz Standard Silver	13.965	38	"	"	" Pedro Olivares " Gold & Silver deposites due them	9.077	41
"	"	" Gold Coinage for balance of this account	33	23	"	"	" J. Cordero " do do " "	1.552	76
"	"	" Edmond Forstall for do " " do	2.180	34	"	"	" Antoine Masse " do " do " "	1.974	00
"	"	" Contingent Expenses of the Branch Mint for balance of this account	12.256	21	"	"	" A. D. Coffman " 1 Gold deposite "	26	83
					"	"	" John Bellow " 1 Silver do "	944	29
					"	"	" Bonnel Corne " 1 do " "	105	75
					"	"	" Erasmus Lepoester " 1 do " "	100	37
					"	"	" J. Gelpi " 1 do " "	100	20
					"	"	" F. de Lizardi & C. " Gold & Silver deposites "	1411	01
					"	"	" Kohn Davor & C. " 1 Silver deposite "	3176	61
					"	"	" John Nicholson, Cashier Carrollton Bank for Gold deposite due them	3628	12
					"	"	" Commercial Bk & Co " Silver " "	172	36
					"	"	" The Treasurer of the United States for balance of this account	134.400	00
"	"	" Profit & Loss " do " do			"	"	" Profit & Loss " do " do	4177	41
			236.126	95				236.126	95

Branch Mint of the United States, New Orleans
Treasurers Office, Sept. 30th 1839

Treasurer's Office
United States Branch Mint
New Orleans 30th Sept 1839

Sir

Enclosed herewith I hand you my Bond for $20000 — conditioned for the faithful and diligent performance of the duties of Treasurer of this Branch Mint

The Sureties are,

Thomas Banks — Beverly Chew
William M. Beal — James H. Caldwell

and annexed to the bond is a certificate of their sufficiency, signed by the Hon. F.K. Lawrence, Judge of the U.S. District Court, to whom I applied in consequence of the absence of Mr. Guyol, the representative of the U.S. District Attorney — The oath of Office required under the 3d Section is also enclosed.

I am,
Respectfully
Yours faithfully
J.H. Cammack
Treasurer

To
Dr. R.M. Patterson
Director of the U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

To the Officers of the U. S. Branch Mint at New Orleans

Gentlemen

The undersigned Citizens of Philadelphia Respectfully beg leave to Recommend to Your favourable Consideration Peter Keating, for an appointment in Your institution for any post at Your disposal requiring industry integrity and Robust health to perform, all of which requisites we beg leave to bear testimony will be found possessed by Mr Keating whose appointment will greatly gratify

1839 Sept 30th Gentlemen Your friends

Samuel D. Patterson
Samuel Potter
James Page
Wm English
William Jewett

L. Tompkins
John S. Thompson
Isaac H. Wright

Mint of the U. S.
Sept. 28th, 1839.

Sir,

Mr. Wm. E. DuBois, the Assistant Assayer of this Mint, goes to Washington, at the request of Mr. Barker & Mr. Miller, to give explanations regarding the Branch Mint accounts. He very properly desires to pay his respects to the Head of the Department, and I therefore take the liberty of introducing him to you.

Mr. DuBois takes with him a part of the papers connected with the New Orleans investigation, which it would be difficult to transmit to you by mail, and of which I have a copy.

Very respectfully,
Your Servt
(Signed) R. M. Patterson

To
Hon. Levi Woodbury,
Sec. of Treas.

Mint of the United States.
Dec. 26th, 1839.

Dear Sir,

~~I have received~~ Your letter of the 14th inst., to the Secretary of the Treasury has been referred by him to me, and I have written to him on the subject.

At your request, I send enclosed Mr. Bradford's instructions to Mr. Tyler, of the 31st of August.

P. M. P.

Your letter of the ~~14~~ 8th inst. was communicated to the friends of Mr. Maxwell, who promised to take, immediately, the steps suggested by you.

Jacob Barker, Esq.

— Enclosing a letter of David Bradford to Rufus Tyler, dated Aug. 31. 1839. ; and a note of Philip B. Tyler to Mr. Barker dated Sept. 7. 1839. of which the "Copies" on file ~~are~~ with letter ~~dated~~ from Rec'r. of Texas. Sept. 18th.

Mint U. S.
Sept. 26 / 37.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23d inst., with the enclosed letter from Jacob Barker Esq. recommending Joseph M. Kennedy Esq., of New Orleans, as a suitable person for the Office of Superintendent of the Branch Mint at that place. This nomination is not new to me — I have ~~had~~ made ~~and~~ inquiry respecting the qualifications of Mr. Kennedy, & Mr. Nicholls and Mr. Cammack, and the impression on my mind is that a more eligible candidate could not be found for the Office of Superintendent of the New Orleans Mint; if, on an examination of the reports on the ~~the~~ immunity ~~of~~ ations at that Mint, it shall be the opinion of the President and yourself, that the public interests require that Mr. Bradford should be superseded.

The report of Mr. Nicholls is delayed until I can satisfy myself with regard to a question affecting the Standard of the Assayer, and ~~on~~ which, as

it involved matters which Mr. Riddell could not be expected to understand, ~~but was~~ he has declined giving an opinion.

I have since, through Mr. Riddell, a recommendation, by Dr. Jones of New Orleans, of ~~Prof~~ Dr. J. L. Riddell, Professor of Chemistry in the Medical College of that place, for the office ~~made~~ vacant by the death of Mr. Maxwell. ~~I have written to ask~~ I have written to New Orleans for more particular information as to Dr. Riddell's qualifications.

R. W. P.

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To / Wm. Lewis Woodbury,
Sec. of Treasury.

Mint of the United States.
Feb. 26th, 1839.

Sir,

You have referred to me a letter from Jacob Barker Esq., dated New Orleans, Feb. 14th, 1839, and mentioning proceedings ~~with regard to~~ of Mr. Bradford and Dr. Hart, with regard to the of the Mint workmen, which he considers improper ~~and~~ in themselves, and prompted by a bad spirit. On this matter I have to remark, that, without a knowledge of the whole circumstances, it would be impossible to judge whether the conduct of these officers in question was proper in this case or otherwise; while there can be no doubt of their ~~perfect rights~~ legal authority to act as they have done. I ~~have~~ claim no right myself to interfere in the direct government of the men at the Branch Mints. It may be proper to mention, however, that the man discharged by Dr. Hart was employed by Mr. Taylor, under an order from the Superintendent, of which I am

the original now before me. It is dated Aug. 31st, and is as follows — Sir, I hereby direct that you employ such men or men as may be requisite to keep the machinery in your department in proper order till the 1st of November next."

R. M. P.
Dr

Hon. Levi Woodbury,
Sec. of Treasury.

Mint of the United States,
Sept. 24. 1839.

Dear Sir,

I learn, by a letter from Prof. Jones, of your Medical College, to Mr. Siddell that he recommends his colleague Dr. Riddell for the place of Melter & Refiner in the New Orleans Mint. Let me pray you to inquire into the suitableness of this nomination, and to write to me freely respecting it. At Mr. Siddell's suggestion, I have written to Dr. Jones.

I had intended also to write to Dr. Hart, (Mr. Bradford being absent,) but I will beg you, as I presume you are now in place, to consult with him, in my name, on this important question.

Very respectfully
Your obt. servt.
(Signed) R. M. Patterson

To
H. C. Cammack, Esq.

(Confidential.)

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, Sept. 24, 1839.

~~Dear~~ Sir,

Mr. ~~He~~ Riddle has just sent me a copy of a letter which you wrote to him in consequence of an ~~application~~ made ~~to~~ by Mr. Cammack ~~—~~ respecting a suitable person to fill the vacant office of Melter & Refiner in the New Orleans Mint. In your letter you name your fellow passenger Dr. J. L. Riddell, and the plan which he occupies and the character which you give of him certainly point him out as a fit ~~person~~ candidate for the ~~situation~~ place. I now write to you to ask if you have ascertained whether you find it disposed to ~~enter~~ undertake the duties of the ~~situation~~ office; and, if he be, to beg that the ~~favor~~ recommendations of some influential men ~~not~~ may be obtained. I wish also to learn whether in his ~~political sentiments~~ political sentiments he ~~is~~ can permit to the point administration. This ought not, indeed,

to be made an essential condition, but it would be an affectation to pretend that it is not a desirable one with both of us on our side. I should very much desire to have the opinion of Mr. Martin Gordon as to the propriety of Dr. Riddell's appointment, & if this matter is to go forward, I will pray you to see Mr. Gordon, and ask him to write to me.

If Dr. Riddell should be appointed it will probably be necessary that he ~~shall~~ spend some time at this point, to obtain a practical acquaintance with the duties of the office.

I think it probable that matters could be so arranged as to ~~be~~ make the place in the Mint not incompatible with the ~~place~~ professorship in your Medical College.

P. M. P.

To Dr. James Jones
Professor in Medical College
New Orleans.

Mint of the United States,
Sept. 23. 1839.

Sir,

As I presume that Mr. Bradford is still absent from New Orleans, I send the above bill of lading to your address.— Box No. 1 contains a set of Troy weights for your Treasurer's office, made at Washington, by Mr. Hassler, and adjusted at this Mint.— Box No. 2 contains the Assayer's rolls which you requested Mr. Nixon to procure for you.

Mr. Abraham Miller has presented us a bill for an Assayer's furnace &c. which he says was ordered by you directly of him. On his presenting your letter, the bill shall be paid; but I must beg to refer you to the remark made in my letter to you of the 20th, as to the course which it is desirable to have pursued as to orders to be paid for here.

Very respectfully,
Yr
R. M. P.
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To) Dr. Wm. R. Hort,
Assayer Br. Mint,
New Orleans.
(with Bill of Lading No. 47.)

Mint of the U. S.
Sept. 19. '39.

My Dear Sir,

It is with feelings of sincere sorrow that I learn the death of our excellent friend Mr Tyler. He was a faithful officer and a most estimable man. He was well known & highly valued here, and his loss is universally deplored.

You truly remark that it will be difficult to supply the place thus unhappily rendered vacant in your Mint, — yet the attempt must be made. My attention has been turned, for this object, to Mr. Tyler's brother Philos. He is warmly recommended by several gentlemen here, in whose judgment I have confidence, and my own personal acquaintance with him induces me to favor his claims. Will you do me the favor to inform me what is Mr. Philos B. Tyler's standing in New Orleans? He is in the employment of the Directors of the Nashville Rail Road. What is their opinion of him? After you have made the necessary inquiries, please to state to me, in confidence, your own views as to his eligibility for the vacant office. I know that the government has great confidence in your judgment, and I need not say that your opinions will always have great weight with me.

Dr. Martin Gordon Jun. Esq.
New Orleans.

Yours, dear sir, with sincere regard,
Your friend &c
(Signed) R. M. Patterson

Dear Sir,

I expected to have seen a notice of the death of M. Taylor extracted from the New Orleans Papers, but as yet none has appeared in the papers I read. If this has not been done, will you please send one to some of our papers for publication

Yours Resp. Respectfully
M W Baldwin

Thursday 9th

(Confidential.)

Mint U. S.
Feb. 18th, 1839.

Dear Sir,

It was with feelings of the most sincere sorrow that I received the melancholy intelligence of your brother's death. He was a skilful and accomplished mechanician, a faithful officer, and a most estimable and upright man. I shall ever deplore his loss, which is also keenly felt by his numerous friends here.

In thinking of a suitable successor to your lamented brother, my attention has been turned to yourself, and I feel every disposition to recommend you for the appointment. Are you disposed to undertake the duties of the place? If so, I must beg you to send me, without delay, a recommendation from the Officers of the North Wilk Rail Road Company, with which you are at present connected, and any other document of the same character which you may think important. ~~Do~~ If Colo. ~~Gard~~ Stanton Gardner is ac-

granted with you, ~~his~~ a letter from him would be of great might.

By writing to any of your friends of the Franklin Institute, you can procure suitable recommendations here, and they would be desirable.

Let no time be lost in answering this letter.

I pray you to present my kindest regards to Mrs. Tyler, ~~the tenderest sympathy~~ in her affections I sincerely sympathize. I ~~have~~ saw her three daughters on the night that I received the intelligence of their father's death; but I could not tell them that they were orphans. They are with kind friends here. As to Mrs. Tyler and her sons, ~~I hope that~~ she will remain in the North until here. I take it for granted that no difficulty will be made to their remaining ~~here~~ at the North ~~until~~ until a ~~Successor~~ my Commission is appointed; ~~and if you should be there when I am gone that you will tell them~~ This is for the future may, I hope, be advantageously affected by the measures proposed in this letter.

You will see the propriety of avoiding to make mention of my name in connexion with your having a card sent to the Office of Crimes, ~~if you should~~

Very respectfully
Your faithful friend
P. M. P.

B.
Philip Tyler, Esq.
New Orleans.

Mint U.S.
Sep. 18/39.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th inst.

On first receiving the sad intelligence of the death of Mr. Tyler, I was in despair as to the possibility of supplying his place satisfactorily. I now think, however, that ~~any ship~~ ~~the suitable one~~ it is in my power to name a very suitable individual for the office, in the person of Mr. Philos B. Tyler, a brother of the ~~late~~ late Comptroller.

Mr. Philos B. Tyler is ~~an excellent~~ a scientific and practical mechanic, known to me personally, and whom I highly respect. He was for some time engaged in this Mint, in making drawings of machinery, being an excellent draughtsman. He was also employed in a similar kind, in the New Orleans Mint under his brother, and is believed to be acquainted with the usual routine of the Coining department. He is

resident of New Orleans, and now holds the responsible situations of ~~Chief~~ Engineer of the New Orleans and Nashville Rail Road, having, as I am informed, the charge both of the road and of the engines. He has passed the ordeal of the yellow fever, and is acclimated.

He is warmly recommended to me by Mr. Matthias W. Baldwin, the head of the largest ~~machine~~ engine factory in this place. He is also recommended by Jacob Barker Esq. of New Orleans. I will ask for recommendations from ~~the~~ his present employers, of the Nashville Rail Road, and from some gentlemen here who know him and their opinions as to merit, & will forward their documents to you.

I am, as yet, unable to furnish any name to you for the place of Master Refiner, in the event (which I anticipate) of Mr. Brashear not proving to be an eligible candidate.

To Hon. Levi Woodbury, Sec. of Treasy.

R. M. P.
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The order of Mr. Bradford to Mr. Tyler, of May 31st, of which Mr. Baker sent you a Copy, and which you have transmitted to me, with Mr. Baker's letter, does not strike me as an inspired one. It shows a most disordered state of things, & how, for such a formal order to have been necessary, for so trifling a purpose. Our "rolling-room and boiler-room" are never locked up from the access of any officers or workmen about the Mint; and, if it was necessary that the corresponding rooms at the New Orleans Mint should be opened to give a passage to the rest, there could be no impropriety in the act, though there may have been a want of delicacy and policy in the time and the manner of executing it.

R. M. P.
D

To Hon. Levi Woodbury, Sec. of Treasy.

Treasury Department
Sept. 16. 1839.

Sir,

The enclosed letter received from Jacob Barker Esq. is referred to you at his request.

A letter received from Mr. Hart this morning, dated the 8th. instant contains the melancholy information of the death of Mr. Tyler the Coiner of the Br. Mint at N. Orleans.

I will thank you to recommend a suitable successor.

after due enquiry.

I remain very Respy
Your Obed. Svt.

Asst. Secretary
Sec. of the Treas.

D. R. M. Patterson
Philad.a

Mint U. S.
Sept. 16 1839.

Sir,

I have been called upon, by the Treasury Department, for the annual estimate for the Mint and its Branches, and have therefore to request that you will send me, at as early a day as practicable, an estimate of the expenses of the Charlotte Branch for 1840.

R. M. P.
D.

Dr. David Bradford, Esq.
Supt. Br. Mint
Charlotte

To Hon. Levi Woodbury
Sec. of Treasury

Copy

New Orleans, 11th Sept. 1839.

Dear Sir

Now have herewith copies of a letter from Mr. Bradford forbidding Mr. Leitch a residence in the Mint, he was Mr. Maxwell's foreman & one of the most useful men employed in the Mint, he had the Pattern from in the building very recently and had nearly recovered when Mr. Maxwell was taken sick. Mr. M. appointed him to take care of the operations appertaining to his Department and requested him by all means to stop in the Mint, and at the death of Mr. Maxwell the Judge appointed Mr. Stile to take care of the Seals.

Now also have herewith a copy of a letter from Doctor Hunt subscribing himself acting Superintendent to Mr. Kemper who had been employed by Mr. Ogden to take care of the Machinery and by the Judge at the death of Mr. Ogden to take care of the Seals, he had also received from a servant of the Pattern Fever, by these letters you will perceive by what spirit these men are governed and that nothing will satisfy them but the extermination from the Mint of every man who dared to tell the truth when examined as witness at the late investigation.

The Director wrote a letter to Mr. Ogden under date of the 2. Sept. authorising the employment during the sickness now to [illegible]

Machinery in order and to prepare it for service when the time shall arrive for renewing business and if my recollection serves me correctly the letter from Mr Bradford to Mr Taylor dated about the 1st inst forwarded by you on the 4th inst authorises the appointment of suitable persons to take care of the Machinery, and yet Doctor Koch writes a letter to the new appointed exciting an apprehension that if he remained in the Mint he would not be paid his Wages if that letter was not forwarded to the Director will you be pleased to return it to me as it may be wanted, settling that point, if not it is proper that I should advise the letter to the Executive of Mr Taylor at whose instance I made application to the Court to have the Seals in all the rooms &c except the Vaults removed, the Seals on the Vaults of the Coining as well as on the Vaults of the Melting & Refining will remain until the arrival of a new Treasurer so far as I can influence the Gentlemen. question.

I return it as public misfortune that there has been so much delay in the appointment of a competent Superintendent who would remain here at all seasons when others die or fly from fear of yellow Contagion. it is more important to have the Superintendent on the spot as is evinced by the occurrences of the present season.

With great respect

Yrs obt Svt

Jacob Barker

D. C. McCalla
Director Mint
Mint

New Orleans Sept. 14 1839

Dear Sir

I now have herewith a copy of a letter this day addressed to the Hon. the Secretary of the Treasury. If he forwarded to you agreeably to my request a letter addressed by Mr Bradford to Mr Taylor on or about the 1st inst. I shall be obliged by your returning it to me by an early Mail

Very Respectfully

Yours, Asst Sec

Doctor R. M. Patterson
Director of the
U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

U.S. B Mint
Sept. 1 1839

Peter Levick
Sir:-

I have to inform you that I have directed that your [illegible] be removed on the morning my absence, which will be [illegible] first of the next.

Jacob Bradford
Supt

New Orleans 9 Sept 1839

Mr George Hoops
Sir:-

I hereby remind you that you were paid off & discharged from the Mint on the 17 August, & that from that date you may be employed by the Superintendent. You will have no claim against the Mint or U.S. for Wages

Yours &c

Wm P. Hunt
Asst Treas

Mint U. S.
Feb. 12/39.

Sir,

I send subjoined a copy of a letter from the Superintendent of the New Orleans Branch Mint, on the subject of the deficient returns for deposits made by M. Fellow and by Geo. Davis Esq's nominee in the letter of Saml Barker Esq, transmitted to me by you on the 5th ult. — I do not think it possible that any thing further can be learned as to this matter. My confidence in the parties, & Mr Belmont is gone, and I shall object to his being employed when the operations of the Mint are resumed.

R. M. P.

To Wm. Levi Woodbury
Sec of Treas.

[Letter of Mr. Broadfoot of Dep.t — ors of Mr. Dewdney of Aug. 20/38.]

(Confidential)

Mint U. S.

Philadelphia, Sept. 12/39.

Sir,

Mr. Edward R. Tinsley has been recommended to the President as a suitable person for the office of Melter & Refiner of the New Orleans Mint, vacant by the death of Mr. Maxwell. This recommendation has been referred to me by the Secretary of the Treasury, for my opinion. As the office in question is one of high trust, it is my duty to acquire any information with regard to the candidates, and I have been referred to you as possessing a knowledge of the character and claims of Mr. Tinsley. May I ask you, then, to communicate to me, in confidence, your opinion as to the suitableness of this candidate, and, so far as you may think proper, the grounds on which this opinion is founded.

Respectfully
R. M. Patterson
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To
S. H. Zacharie Esq.
&
Leonard Mathews Esq.
New Orleans

Mint U.S. Sep. 12/39

Sir,

I have had the honor to receive your letter of the 10th inst., with the enclosed communication of Mr. Edw. P. Fraser, as Mother & Refiner of the U.S. Branch Mint

A letter from Jacob Barker Esq., of the 1st of August, has the following paragraph.

"If such a State of things should arrive as to render it necessary to accept other employment than that of the N.O. Branch Mint, allow me to suggest to you the expediency of making further inquiry before Mr. Fraser be appointed." I wrote to D. W. Lachaise Esq., one of the principal patrons of the N.O. Branch Mint, and to Leonard Matthews President of the Western Marine Insurance Co. of this place, would elicit valuable information."

As the office in question is one of great importance and high trust, I have felt it my duty to enquire to those gentlemen, to ask of them, in confidence, their opinion as to the suitableness of the proposed candidate, and the grounds on which their opinion is formed.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
R. M. Patterson
Director

To
Hon. Levi Woodbury
Sec. of Treasury

Branch Mint N. Orleans Sept. 12th 1837.

J.

N. M. Patterson. Esq.

Dear Sir

I presume you will ere this have been informed of my Brothers death. before the receipt of this. as I wrote Mr Baldwin by the first mail - so that my object in writing is to remind you of the destitute condition of his widow & five orphant children

I would not picture their distress to you except from deep anxiety for their comfort and a belief that circumstances might occur which would enable you in your official capacity. to afford them some temporary relief. From the time my Brother first left Phila he had been sinking money & was obliged to borrow of his friends to protect himself & family from dishonor & still greater distress. Yet in the midst of his innumerable persecution & unpromising suspense. he continued to labour hard to protect and advance the public interest. and I feel confident. from his having communicated to me his inventions & improvements. from time to time, that ere long, he would have surprised you most happily with the results. he had taught his son William to execute much of the most difficult part of the work, such as turning & filling the dies - Collars - cutting dies &c. which he performed with extraordinary skill & dexterity.

I regret very much that so many valuable improvements as he has made in almost every branch of the business. could not have

been communicated to you, before his death
as I believe that many valuable tools so
peculiarly adapted to the present system of coining
will be lost in the hands of his successor; for but
very few of his workmen were trusted with the secrets
of his department, on account of the maliciousness
of his enemies, which I fear extends beyond his
death to the discomfiture of his family. I had
requested Mr Leech, (one of Mr Maynes best
friends who had watched with my Brother during
his sickness) to visit the house, but he was
refused entrance at the gate, notwithstanding
the gates were open to all other parts of the Mint
As also in another case, one of our friends was
admitted & followed up, according to the order of
Dr Hart, (who is acting Supt.) "at the point of
the bayonet" Now we can not for a moment
consent, but that it shuts out from Mrs Eyler some
few comforts, which in her present feeble &
disconsolate condition would be of great service
to her. She is not able to stand on her feet
or I should remove her at once across the
lake, until she should entirely recover
Wm is about the house but has not yet
been out. My Brother made a
will, & appointed me his executor
&c The estate is all made secure
except what is left out for the use of the family.

Yours very Respectfully
Philo B. Eyler

P.S. Yours of the 22nd inst is rec'd

Mint U. S., Apl 12/37.

Sir,

I have duly received your letters of the 11th & 12th inst. Of the latter, inclosing Mr. Demitry's note to you, I have sent a copy to the Secretary of the Treasury.

The transmission of the dimes and half dimes directed to you in May, was announced to you in a postscript of my letter of the 23d of that month; and, as that letter contained other matter of great interest, may very naturally have occasioned your non-reception.

The widow of Owen D. Bird has just called at the office, and begs me to request that, ~~if any thing be due to her husband's estate, it may be that may forthwith be~~ if you shall have any money to transmit on account of his family, they may be so sent as to be sure to come to her. She makes that request because she has heard that her husband's brother has actually drawn the money due to the estate, and she is afraid that she may not receive her share. ~~She is also desirous of procuring~~ Some of the other effects of her husband may have gone to the Office of the Auditor of the Treasury in your Mint having been received

vacant by the death of Alex Adams Esq, I am instructed by the Department to make inquiries as to a suitable individual to fill it. You formerly recommended Alex. Edward P. Bastrop. Let me ask you if you know any other person whom you could recommend, if objection, was made to Mr Bastrop, shall he be dismissed if sufficient proof to make his appointment unobtainable.

P. M. G.

Yr Obt Servt
David Bradford Esq
Dep. Pr. Mast.
New Orleans.

P.S. Dr Mott's name, Alex Porter has just informed me, that Dr Mott has petitioned for a pair of Antlers with his despatches, to be presented him. I cannot pay a bill for such with out a request to that effect from you, but, if you sanction the expenditure I will make it cheerfully.

Branch Mint New Orleans
11 Sept 1839

Dr R M Patterson
Director of the Mint

Sir,

I have this moment received your esteemed favor of the 29 ulto, & with great pleasure reply to the enquiries you have made. Johnson, Dennis, Moore, Harper, Thompson Stevenson, Dunstan, Lyons & Levick are the men who have had, & who have escaped the yellow fever. Niles a workman in the Melting & Refining department had the fever some years ago & is enfeebled. Johnson, Thompson & Lyons have left the city, believe gone to the North; Dunstan is in Cincinnati; & Moore, Harper, Levick & Stevenson are now in the city & will remain during the season. I am happy to say that all who have recovered appear to have perfectly recovered without any shock to the constitution. Mr Moore is working with Mr Brown at the Reducing Machine & receives $3.50 p day. Niles has charge of the Melting department & Dennis & Stevenson have charge of the Coining department. Those who are not immediately employed in the Mint, are anxious to know, if they will be allowed half wages as they were last year, & on the same conditions. Every attention possible was paid to Mr Childs - he took his life through his attorney when there was every prospect of his recovery.

he died in four days from the first attack of the fever was insensible the two last. after his stomach was cleared, he took a tea cup of the mountain tea, to get rid of bad & drink, abstain from wine, to get rid of the [illegible] immoderately of water, after which he ate sufficient bread without complaining them. he took bread three times without any relief, which clearly shows after what the first remedy, which clearly demonstrated by its peculiar character that the mucous coat of the stomach was destroyed. Schenck has died in debt, but seven or eight dollars were found in his trunk, & seven dollars were found in his trunk, & seven dollars were found in his trunk, & seven

REPRODUCTION

Business is perfectly at a stand in the City, & the suspension of the operations of the Banks has to a very limited extent a precedent to govern many respectfully

Your obt Servt

D. Parrott

Dr. R. M. S. Hewson

Director of the Mint

Philadelphia

Sept. 11. 1839

Dear Sir, I send

Treasury Department
September 10. 1839.

Sir,

In compliance with the suggestion contained in your communication of the 9th the Comptroller of the Treasury has been requested to transmit to you the coinage and bullion accounts of the Branch Mints, that are not in a satisfactory form and to point out to you wherein they are deficient.

The object in requiring these accounts to be rendered to the Department this year is merely that you may see that they are made out in conformity to the instructions given by you and not for the purpose of having them audited by you.

I enclose for your examination & recommendation an Issue of Mr. E. P. Harlow as Melter and Refiner at N. Orleans in place of Mr. Maxwell.

Very Respectfully
Your Obed. Sert.

Levi Woodbury
Sec. of the Treasury

Dr. R. M Patterson
Philadelphia

New Orleans, Sunday morning

8th Septr 1839.

Mr dear Sir

The painful duty devolves upon me, to inform you of the death of Mr Tyler, the chief Comm of the Branch Mint in this City - He expired this morning at 7 O'Clk, from the effects of a severe & violent attack (of the Scourge of our Country) the yellow fever, Mrs Tyler is extremely unwell & much debilitated, having but recently partially recovered from a like attack; their little Son has this hour this morning, What will be his fate, many only knows.

By the death of Mr Tyler, the Mint in this place, will be placed in an extreme delicate position. I have no doubt, but that you will find it difficult to supply his place in that institution, I consider his loss as a public misfortune, the way indeed a man of genius, an honest, correct and virtuous Citizen, and indeed an honest man, in every respect,

The fever now prevails to an alarming extent, and what is severely to be believed in other

always, is that visiting upon visiting are arriving
every day in our particular atmosphere, many
ugly things which can grow such an unnatural
state of things. but so it is, and so it will continue
to be. a lock of wampum is intrinsically value Dollars
and only means that life itself

With my best wishes for your health

and happiness, believe me to be

truly Yr friend

Bartholomew Gordon Esq

Dr. Jacob Barker Esq

Dear Sir

My dear Brother is dying. The doctors have just left him. I have a great deal of solicitude yet, but hardly know what to do — The Doctors will send me an undertaker & I shall arrange with him — I should then wish you to publish his death & time of burial, which I cannot now positively determine

Judge Morgan is fearfully afflicted & his condition & will probably afflict the Dr's. soon as he is dead. — I shall write you thus early in order to receive any suggestions from you in time

Yours Truly

Philip B Fyfe

Mr Fyfe is Dead
Have written you fully to D C
by Connor route Mch 23

New Orleans

Sept 7. 1839

Dear Sir

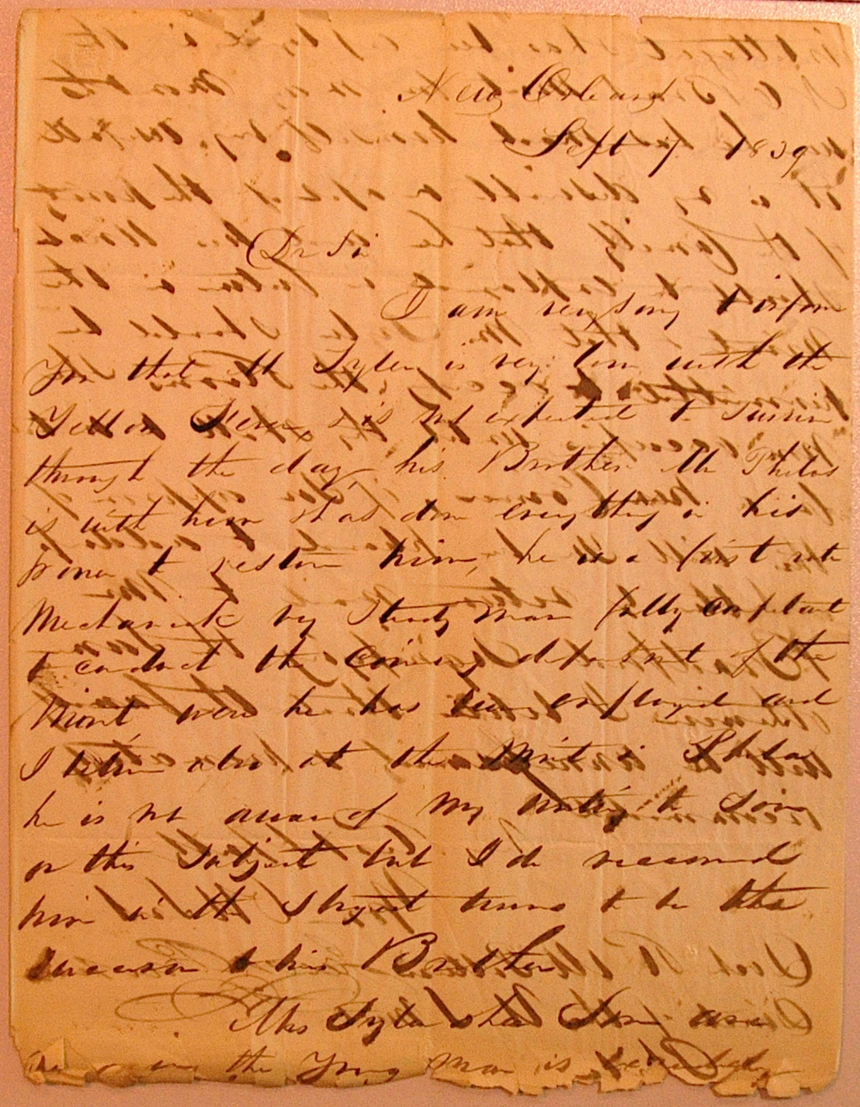
Since writing you by the Mornings Mail I have received from the Mint the enclosed Letter & Memorandum by which you will perceive how the Health at the Mint and country at Large is in this last Month.

Do me the favor of perusing the enclosed & transmit it to the Director of the Mint with this Letter

Mr Bullard is at Bayou Sara. There is another Case of the extreme Sickness of Mr Tyler as Dr Hart tells Mr Lockwood Yesterday that he was. Not possible for him to recover & the Dr Says Mr Tyler will not probably live

Secretary of War

Very and truly
Your Obt Servt



intelligence has been explained to the
N O Bradford that he may more to
some better himself by. We fell
it is my duty to call a spade a spade
& the Country that he and his Whole
Should be explained in relation to the
Press & that Mr Tyler Should be
permitted to occupy the Rooms She
Now occupies until the State be entitled
to a new Census, if You approve of
this will You be pleased to address
a letter & return mail to Mr
Bradford Signifying the Same
otherwise I advise that the Family
will be immediately & peremptorily
removed

Yrs Truly

Wm Wood

Quot P M Petition Secret Service
Office of the U S Mail
Steamboat

Wm Hunnicutt has a Middle
letter to his name it is
Joseph Wm Hunnicutt, he is a
native of this City

Mint of the United States,
Dear Sir, Sept. 6. 1839.

I have received your letter from Washington of the 4th inst.

Instructions and forms in relation to the accounts of the New Orleans Br. Mint, were sent by me, on the 25th of May 1838, to Mr. Bradford, through the Secretary of the Treasury. The First Comptroller has complained that the bullion account, which includes the returns of coinage, was not explicit, and had not therefore been acted upon. I have requested that examples of these faulty returns should be sent to me that more exact instructions may be given if necessary.

The Comptroller has as you mention, raised the question, whether the bullion accounts of the Br. Mints ought not, in the first instance, to be submitted to my examination. Such a question cannot, in my judgement, be entertained. I am not an Auditor, and have nothing to do with the details of your accounts, or of our own. It is my duty to prescribe the forms of your returns under the sanction of the Secretary of the Treasury, and this duty has been attended to; but I cannot consent to be made an accounting officer, - such a

duty not being required of me by law, and not being compatible with my other functions.

Mr. Liddell's report, with the accompanying documents, was received to day.

Very respectfully,
& faithfully your's
R. M. T.

To
A. G. Cammack, Esq,
Fredericksburg
Virginia

Unofficial

Dear Sir

I have handed herewith to you for the
testimony & documents collected in the late investigation
at the N.O. Branch Mint with my Report thereon.
The principal bulk of this testimony he has taken from you
will serve how the courage to meet them all,
but I could wish you would look the ground over
what I have taken so much pains to bring together.
There are some things developed that are cold
facts, particularly the inconsistencies & contradic-
tions involved in the testimony of the Coiner
Millikin, and the great number of circum-
stances, many of them at the first blush
trivial & insignificant, by which, more than
by the direct assertions of witnesses, my mind
has been brought to the conclusions I have
expressed in my report.

I am glad to hear you were
pleased with Mr Cannuck - I shall be
much disappointed if he does not contribute
to bring back to the mint the lost confidence
of the public - his strong points, an energy
& good hard sense - A little experience will
make him more acquainted with his duties,
& when he understands them, he will not allow
himself to be managed by an Clerks or led
blindfold by his brother officers -

I feel anxious to see the Newsham mint perfected & I am satisfied that much energy & activity are necessary to raise it from its present prostrate condition.

I shall pass through Philadelphia in a few days when I hope to have the pleasure of calling upon you & will explain as far as I can any matters in which my Report may seem obscure. It is a long story, but time is at much as I know how to make it. It matters not by any means conceal the irregularities of the administration of the late Treasurer. I endeavored to keep the pecuniary points, but when you read the testimony you will see a good many irregularities that I have not detailed, & I think you will agree with me that the picture I have sketched of the Dept. Treasy. Departments is not overdrawn.

I am in my duty, Your obt. St.

Saml. Ingham

R. M. Patterson Esq
Phila

Dec. 5. 1839.

I have sent this day to help of Treasy. a copy of the Report, but not of the Evidence & documents. I shall send a copy of the Evidence down & expect it a day or two. A copy of Readfield's brief. Would it not be well to send upon application as to him like the Arsenal &c

Gadsby's Hotel 1839.
Washington City September 4

My dear Sir

I have to day had an interview with the Honble Secretary of the Treasury, and have seen the various accounts which have been rendered from the Branch Mint at New Orleans.

The accounts of Bullion, and of Specie Coined, are not, I understand, stated in a Satisfactory Manner. & Something was said about having these accounts, in future, rendered to the Mint at Philadelphia instead of to the Secretary of the Treasury.

I leave here this evening, and will remain two or three days in the Vicinity of Fredericksburg, Virginia, where a letter by return mail will reach me if you should be pleased to write.

J.

I am with Considerations of respect &
esteem yours very truly
H. C. Cammack

To
Dr R M Patterson
Philadelphia

Mint of the United States,
Sept. 3d, 1839.

Dear Sir,

Allow me to introduce to you my son, Mr. Robert Patterson, whom I send to New York for the purpose of taking charge of your report and the accompanying documents, & to whom, therefore, you will please to deliver them.

My son is an aspirant to the honors of your own profession, having just been received as a graduate in law, at the University of Virginia.

My news from New Orleans is more favorable, there being no new deaths, and the sick being all reported as convalescent.

I am most respectfully,
& faithfully yours,
(Signed) R. M. Patterson.

To
Thos. Riddell, Esq.,
U. S. Dist. Attorney for New Orleans,
New York.

Mint of the U. S.
Sept 2d, 1839.

Dear Sir,

I have the pleasure to introduce to you Mr. Horace C. Cammack, who has been appointed Treasurer of the New Orleans Branch Mint. I am well assured, both from the recommendations of others and my own intercourse, that he will be found a skilful, energetic, & able officer. I commend him to your kind attention.

Very respectfully
your faithful Servt.
R. M. P.

To
Dr. Wm. P. Stark,
Assayer &c. Mint,
New Orleans.

Mint of the United States.
Sept. 2d, 1859.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 31st ult., just received, has relieved me from much apprehension. Knowing many of the hands in your Mint to be sick, I feared any day to hear of more deaths, and I was also very uneasy with you about the finances, as to the illness of Mr. Taylor. The death of Mr. Maxwell is deeply to be deplored. He regarded him highly, and have never doubted either his capacity, efficiency, or perfect integrity.

Although the coining is stopped for a time, you may perhaps employ your remaining hands advantageously in putting all your machinery in full working order, and particularly in making the alteration which I recommended to you, as I am glad that you approve.

We are now striking half dollars with the figures of Liberty in full length. The new dies will be sent to you in time; and I hope that, on your return, you will take care to bring up the coinage of the deposits, by striking large coins.

You may look for Mr. Commander, the new Treasurer, in a few days after receiving this letter.

Remember me kindly to Mrs. Tyler and your children.

P. M. L.

To
Robert Tyler Esq.
N. B. Bridgeport